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Your Neighbors...

Bill Hall Sees The World Via The Eyes Of Children

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

When Bill Hall of Agawam retired four years ago from 21 years of teaching in the Springfield Schools, he decided to satisfy a lifelong desire to see the world.

So, he spent five months traveling, visiting areas of particular interest to him, much of it in Asia. He was enraptured by the children of the world, mostly two to eight year-olds, and captivated by the children of Thailand.

Bill calls himself a "people helper" person. He likes to help others, whether by teaching, running a motel on Treasure Island, Florida (which he did for 12 years), or securing school supplies for Ban Salang, Thailand.

He also contributes funds to six children in Asian countries on a monthly basis, and has concern for their development. He wants to help people to help themselves.

These children he cares for, he met on the street, Bill said. If he is taken by a child he sees, he seeks out the parents or guardian. If he considers them dependable to use money he may give them for the child's benefit, he offers to provide a monthly stipend. A provision is that the child writes to him (so contact is maintained). Of course, if he is in their area, he is welcomed.

In Bangkok last year, an English engineer accompanied Bill on a 12-hour trip to northern Thailand on an old bus riddled with bullet holes. He deserted Bill and a local motorcyclist offered him a ride, taking him to his home in Ban Salang. Bill stayed a month with this family of grandparents, parents, and four children in a dwelling that can best be described as inadequate.

Past Experience A Help

With the experience of teaching industrial arts in junior high schools, Bill helped them build a house using western techniques. The structure is a post and beam construction with brick and concrete, and is raised above the ground because of the potential of floods to ravage the area. When two rooms were finished, this family insisted that Bill live there and had a party in appreciation.

One day the parents asked Bill to drive their daughter, Lau, to school. As she was taking her puppy to sell at a fundraiser for school supplies, what she saw distressed him. There was a building, he said, provided by the state but there were no supplies, not even pencils and little paper. There were two cups and two toothbrushes, one for the boys and one for the girls.

In making the items for sale, Bill marked the dog \$100. No one bought it, which brought tears to the child. Bill purchased it and the next time he saw the family, he returned the dog to a grateful family. He learned later that the dog had been Lau's only birthday gift and that eventually it would be meat on their table.

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BILL HALL OF AGAWAM with some of his favorite people — the little ones of Thailand.

Sarat Ford To Host "Project KidCare" This Saturday

Sarat Ford Sales of Agawam is hosting "Project KidCare" Photo ID events on Saturday, October 24th as part of a national effort to provide parents with personal safety ID's of their children in the event that their child is ever missing.

At Sarat Ford, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., parents can obtain free, standardized, high quality photographs of their children for their KidCare ID booklet in which they can also record and maintain current vital statistics of their children.

Project KidCare, developed by Polaroid Corporation in conjunction with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), is a program designed to raise awareness of child safety and provide parents with an effective tool to aid law enforcement authorities in the search for a missing child.

"According to the U.S. Department of Justice, over one million children are reported missing in our country each year. We believe that increasing awareness about missing children has never been more critical, and we're pleased we can play a role in helping parents safeguard their children," said Jack Sarat of Sarat Ford.

One in seven missing children is found because of a photograph distributed by NCMEC, making a

standardized, current photograph the single most important tool in finding missing children.

"Everyone has pictures of their children, but most parents don't have a suitable photograph if their child becomes lost or missing," explained Ernest Allen, president of NCMEC. "It is very important to have a recent, unobstructed, head-and-shoulder photograph of the child."

"The picture should be stored in a safe place with the vital statistics of the child at the time the photograph is taken."

KidCare Photo ID events have been hosted in local communities across the country by a variety of organizations including police departments, retail stores, health facilities, and fraternal organizations.

The Agawam DARE Officer and the Agawam Safety Officer will be present on Saturday to instruct children on bicycle safety and will also be selling bicycle helmets at a special price of only \$5 per helmet. Members of the Agawam Lions Club will be assisting in the recording of information and picture-taking.

For more information on the KidCare event being hosted by Sarat Ford, contact Carole Parent at 786-0430.

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Bill said he supplies \$175 a month to this family of seven, which meets basic needs. He also donated \$1,000 to the school for individual drinking cups, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.

When Bill returned to Agawam in May from his fourth trip to Thailand, he initiated a one-time only fund drive for \$5,000, which he said would keep this school in basic supplies for several years. He listed milk (the only milk the children would get), paper, pencils, sanitary supplies, and books. He hopes that a better economy will eventually take over so that the school can be self-sufficient.

Needs To Raise \$5,000 By November 1st

Bill prepared letters and fact sheets he sent to friends, and they passed them on. The response

was great, but not near the \$5,000 he hopes to raise by November 1st. So, this very private man decided to go public. He will provide the letters and fact sheets to anyone requesting them.

"Every cent donated will go to the children and school in Ban Salang," he stated. "Any extra expenses incurred I will continue to pay for myself."

He can be phoned at 786-6963, and he will be glad to answer questions. Checks can be mailed to William Hall-THAILAND, 50 Corey Colonial, Corey Street, Agawam, 01001, or correspond by e-mail at seagull.aol.com.

Bill has a grown daughter and three grandchildren. Divorced for 20 years, his siblings live all over the country. He is building a house for himself in Sturbridge. This year, he will travel to Nepal, Singapore, Vietnam, and Thailand. He has been invited to formulate an English curriculum

for preschool to grade six for the Ban Salang schools and to speak at a school in Nepal.

An athletic man, he participated in the Senior Games at Springfield College, winning a doubles in tennis and several medals in badminton. He will be in the Massachusetts group attending the National Olympics in the fall of 1999. He is a well-known tennis player in this area.

Bill has many interesting and humorous stories of his travels. One of them concerns a phone call to friends in Ban Salang, saying he would be there for Christmas. They planned a celebration but did not know anything about Christmas or what they were supposed to do.

Since spring, Bill has been growing a mostly white beard and this year will play Santa Claus in Thailand, as he explains the Christmas story to the children there.



CHILDREN OF BAN SALANG SCHOOL, THAILAND, hold aloft the cups, toothbrushes, and washcloths that Bill Hall of Agawam provided.



LAU (left) with the puppy she was willing to donate to a fundraiser to raise money for school supplies.

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- Theodore Roosevelt



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Guest Editorial...

Council Action Not In Best Interest Of Town

by George Bitzas
Agawam Town Councilor

I am not going to criticize the majority of the council or question their motives for missing the opportunity to approve the oil storage permit as amended with the excellent restrictions proposed by some councilors and by our fire chief. The restriction to allow burning only eight days maximum, not 30 days per year, and only in extreme emergency situations, was excellent. The road restrictions and times of delivery to avoid school time traffic and maximize safety was also accepted by the power plant.

The action of the majority of the City Council by failing to approve the storage permit with all the imposed restrictions was not in the best interest of the town. Now the power plant will appeal to the state and get the permit to store oil without any of our restrictions. What, in reality, the majority of the council did with their no vote was to delay the process, cost the company some extra money for the appeals, and especially please the few remaining vocal opponents of the plant who spoke in opposition during Citizen's Speak Time.

Not A Guarantee

I would applaud the council's no vote and I would have joined them in voting no if the no vote would guarantee no construction of the oil tank and no storage of the oil. We all knew that this was not the case at all. They (Berkshire Power) already had the permit to build the storage tank and the tank is almost completed.

In case the council didn't approve the storage permit, they were ready to appeal and everyone, including the opponents, knows they will get approval in spite of the council's no vote and the fierce opposition from the few remaining opponents. It is well-known and has been reported in the press that the majority of the CCBA vocal opponents of the plant who fought so long and so hard, were offered money, accepted money, negotiated large settlements, made secret deals, and even sold their homes and property for more than double their value.

They were only interested in themselves and now they have fallen silent. It seems to me that when it came to money, all of their previous fears and concerns evaporated and they willingly made settlements that benefited themselves. These actions have sent the wrong message to our citizens, our elected officials, our businesses, and our neighboring communities.

I have expressed my strong displeasure with the actions of both parties - the people that have opposed the power plant to just benefit themselves and the power plant itself - that offered the monetary settlement. The opponents, if they truly believed in what they were preaching to the public, should never have sat down and accepted and negotiated such settlements. I give much credit to those people who still oppose the


power plant for various reasons and I respect their opinions.

Time To Unite & Move Forward

Now that the power plant is being built, with the expertise of 250 union workers, it is time for our town to unite and move forward. Mistakes have been made by both sides and we all must help our community to heal the wounds. We have had enough of this issue. If we like it or if we don't like it, it will be here soon. Now is the time that the town and its people will start to benefit from the millions of dollars that the plant will bring to our town. Now is the time for all the people to get together, opponents and proponents of the plant, working together to make sure that the power plant offers the best possible taxation to our town and delivers all that they have promised to us.

The sooner they work together the quicker the money will go to our town coffers. We must work together to see that they will continue to help us with their generous donations to our schools, our youth and our athletic organizations, and with athletic fields.

I supported the clean, gas power plant from the beginning like most of you for the benefits it will bring to all of us. I believe and I hope that the power plant will deliver what they have promised to the people of Agawam.



Letters To The Editor

Kasparian's Requests Have Been Met With Silence

To The Editor:

It has been my intention to work closely with the other candidates for Governor's Council to bring out the most important issues. The Union News has called the Governor's Council the most powerful board in the scheme of state government.

Unfortunately, I have been met with silence on the part of the other candidates who are seeking a seat on this council. Recently in Berkshire County, an offer for debate was made and neither candidate evidently considered the discussion on issues important enough to attend. A personal invitation was extended to both candidates, as well as an outline of topic issues that deserve discussion.

I look forward to continuing to address the issues that most trouble the citizens that this office represents.

Sincerely,
Abe Kasparian
Candidate for Governor's Council

Why should we expect less from our elected representatives?

By our vote we hire these representatives, and by our tax dollar we pay their salary. They are our employees, they represent us. There are times when they seem to forget this; we, as voters, should not.

Look closely at each office being contested in the upcoming November election; examine the qualifications of the respective candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, etc.; and ask yourself, "Why would I hire this person?"

Let's stop hiring our representatives on the basis of party affiliation, union endorsement, or other less important criteria, and let us base our decision on qualification and demonstrated achievement. You're paying their salary.

R.E. LaRiviere
Feeding Hills

AHS Soccer Parents Invite Public To "Senior Nights"

To The Editor:

The AHS Soccer Parents Association would like to invite everyone to come and support soccer Senior Nights. This is a night we honor the senior athletes at their last home game.

The girls' night is Thursday, October 29th at 6:30. The boys' night is Monday, November 2nd at 6:30.

We would also like to remind our members that a "General Meeting" will be held October 28th and an "Election Meeting" will be held November 5th. Both meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at the AHS Faculty cafeteria.

Thank you,
AHS Soccer Parents Assoc.
Executive Board

Granger Pupils And Teachers Thank Dave's Soda & Pet City

To The Editor:

The first-graders in Ms. Liptak's and Mrs. Carra's classes at Granger Elementary School were recently visited by some animal friends from Dave's Soda & Pet City. The children were thrilled to be able to pet the animals.

The students and teachers would like to thank Dave's for sponsoring this free program in our schools.

Sincerely,
Ms. Liptak and Mrs. Carra

Waryasz Golf Tournament Comm. Expresses Its Thanks

To The Editor:

The members of the committee for the Craig O. Waryasz Memorial Golf Tournament held at Shaker Farms on July 24th wish to thank the many sponsors, contributors, and participants:

Adventures on Ski's, AG Golf Club, Agawam Advertiser News, Agawam Flower Shop, Agawam Opticians, Applebee's, ARA, Blandford Country Club, Boston Billiards, Champions, Channel 40 WGGB-TV, Chicopee Police Assoc., Conte Overhead Door, Costco, Costigan Paint, Country Flowers and Gift Shop, Diamond Fence, E.B's, E.B's Express, Edgewood Country Club, EPCO Business Forms, Falcons Professional Hockey, Fran Johnson Nevada Bob's, Friendly's, Games and Lanes, Geissler's Supermarket, Gino's Package Store, Hannoush Jewelers Head-

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Let's Examine Candidates' Qualifications & Achievements

To The Editor:

In less than three weeks, we will go to the polls to hire leaders to guide us into the next century. I say hire because by our vote that is exactly what we do.

We hire or employ certain individuals to represent us, to speak for us, and to act in our best interest. I urge all voters to examine the qualifications and track record of each candidate and match it against the requirements of the office they seek.

We need to look at each candidate as if we were hiring them as employees in our own business and ask ourselves what does he or she bring to the table which would make them a good hire and worthy of the investment we would be making? We need to examine the educational background of the candidate to see if they are qualified for the position they seek and we should look at their record for a demonstrated level of achievement.

In the private sector, we look to hire the best person qualified for the task at hand, and we expect that person to live up to our expectations and justify the salary we are prepared to pay them.



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Your generosity not only made the event possible, but successful. A scholarship is scheduled to benefit a graduating student at the Agawam High School.

**Craig O. Waryasz Memorial
Golf Tournament Committee**

Kasparian Believes In "Educating" The Public

To The Editor:

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of candidates who are vying for any public office to educate the voters whenever possible as to the worthiness of the office that they seek, and the ability of the individual seeking the office.

The following are issues which I feel are worthy for discussion and debate:

- The Constitutional office called the

Governor's Council and its ability to affect issues in Western Massachusetts.

- The current pardon practices of restoring firearm rights to ex-violent offenders and individuals engaged in illegal narcotic activity, and how the current practices of the GC do not conform to basic common sense.

- The careful and methodical selection of judicial appointments who should always be mindful of victims' rights.

- The present inefficiencies and the lack of due diligence on the Governor's Council. This is personified by the recent discovery of Joseph Yandle's unverified military record, which released him from a life prison sentence for murder by the current GC.

- Policy modification of the current parole board procedure as it applies to requests from offenders for early release, and the lack of the GC to directly notify the victims and their families of such hearings.

- The unfunded pension liability leftover from the abolishment of County Government.

- Western Massachusetts capital planning projects which were recently vetoed by the Governor's office.

- Discussion on lowering the income tax rate in the Commonwealth.

- Discussion on Berkshire County's question on whether or not to abolish County Government.

- The Clean Elections initiative (Question 2).

- The Needle Exchange Program (Question 5), and how this local Springfield program has regional implications.

**Respectfully submitted,
Abe Kasparian**

Candidate for Governor's Council

Water Connection Applications Due 10/30

John P. Stone, Superintendent of the Agawam Department of Public Works, has announced that October 30, 1998 is the late date for applying for water connections, water connection renewals, sanitary sewer connections, or storm drain connections for installation prior to this winter.

Connections applied for after this date will not be installed until the spring of 1999.

This notice does not apply to the homes in areas where connections have previously been installed to the property line.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998 at 6:45 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of F.L. ROBERTS & COMPANY, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the alteration of the existing facility at the premises identified as: 632-634 MAIN STREET.

**Doreen Prouty,
Acting Chairperson**

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Tuesday at 12:00 noon.*

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Giveaway Winners...



THE FEEDING HILLS POST OFFICE recently held a customer appreciation giveaway wherein post office patrons filled out a "1970 voting ballot" designating their choices as to how they would like the 1970's represented on a sheet of stamps. The lucky giveaway winners were Delna Adams of Agawam (left), who received a framed stamped enlargement of the 1902 World's Fair, and Aileen Semanie of Feeding Hills (right), who won a framed stamped enlargement of a teddy bear stamp. Both enlargements are from the "Celebrate the Century" stamp series, and Postmaster Maureen Price (center) congratulated the winners. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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— Agawam Obituaries —

Philomena H. Morassi

Philomena H. (Maratea) Morassi, 82, of 15 Ralph Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

She was a sewing machine operator at the former Carter's Clothing Company in Springfield for many years, retiring in 1981.

She was born in Worcester and moved to Springfield, attended schools there, and was a long-time resident. She moved to Feeding Hills in 1966.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, a member of International Ladies Undergarment Workers Union, the Sisters of Columbus Lodge of Springfield, and the Senior Citizens Golden Agers Club of West Springfield.

Her husband, Alfonso C. Morassi, died in 1993.

She leaves a son, Richard C. of Feeding Hills; two brothers, Nicholas Maratea of Springfield and Dominic Maratea of Port St. Lucie, Florida; four sisters, Margaret Jensen of Las Vegas, Nevada, Theresa Gruszkos of Chicopee, Celeste Ramey of Port St. Lucie, and Pasquelina Zades of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Her first husband, Antonio Sarnelli, died in 1962.

The funeral was held at the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home, Agawam, followed by a Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, Inc., 570 Cottage Street, P.O. Box 51946, Springfield, MA 01151-5946, or Shriners Hospital Donations Department, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Arthur Girard Giard

Arthur Girard Giard, 81, of Feeding Hills and formerly of Brockton, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after a brief illness.

He was employed for 34 years as a clerk and supervisor at the former main Brockton Post Office, retiring in 1972.

Born in Rockland, he lived in Feeding Hills since 1990, previously living in Brockton, Bridgewater, and Dennis.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army in Europe.

He was a member of the American Legion Fred Bates Morse Post 91 in East Bridgewater, president of the National Association of Postal Supervisors (Southeastern Massachusetts branch), and a member of the Brockton Musicians Union since 1935.

He was also a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Frances Giard.

He leaves a son, A. Fred of Tucson, Arizona; a daughter, Barbara Anne Campanella of Feeding Hills; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at J. Frank Conley Funeral Home and in St. Margaret's Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, all in Brockton.

Joyce C. Raby

Joyce C. (Clark) Raby, 59, of 22 Dwight Road, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Lowell, she was educated in Chelmsford and attended Lowell State Teachers College.

She leaves a son, Michael D. of Syracuse, New York; three daughters, Amanda Vanslyke and Teresa E. Villamainio, both of Springfield, and Jacqueline Howe of Springfield, Vermont; two sisters, Cynthia Cameron of Houston, Texas, and Christine Bouchard of Manchester, New Hampshire; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Cecilia Malochleb

Cecilia (Jeserski) Malochleb, 80, of 378 North West Street, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home.

She was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills.

Her husband, Stephen Malochleb, died in 1945, and her son, William Jeserski, died in 1991.

She leaves a brother, Peter Yezierski of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; a nephew, John Jeserski, with whom she lived; a niece, Janet Polek of Enfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with Mass in St. Stanislaus Church and burial in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Chicopee.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



William Francis Galvin Secretary of the Commonwealth

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in State Elections to vote at:

- Precinct 1 - Robinson School, 65 Begley Street**
- Precinct 2 - Clifford M. Granger, South Westfield Street**
- Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street**
- Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street**
- Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street**
- Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street**
- Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street**

on **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1998** from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

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Richard M. Theroux
 Town Clerk

10th Anniversary Died Oct. 22, 1988



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 Forever in our hearts.
Sadly missed by your family.

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**Herman A. Mutti**

Herman A. Mutti, 92, of 98 Bridge Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

He was the owner of Eddie's Meat Market in West Springfield for 25 years, and retired in 1970. Born in Sarezzano, Italy, he moved to Agawam as a boy.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, a lifelong member of the former Columbus Club, and the former Victor Emanuel Club.

He belonged to the Lions Club and the Agawam-West Springfield Elks Club.

He leaves his wife of 69 years, Mary M. (McLean) Mutti; two sons, Kenneth G. of Westfield and Eugene A. of Agawam; two daughters, Barbara C. Hamill of Springfield and Susan M. Hayes-Mutti of Agawam; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

John Q. Ferioli

John Q. "Jab" Ferioli, 81, of Beekman Drive, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

He was a 40-year machinist for the Package Machinery Company, formerly of East Longmeadow. He retired in 1985. He also worked at the Springfield Armory during World War II.

He was born in Springfield and raised in West Springfield, where he lived until he moved to Agawam 51 years ago.

He was a 1934 graduate of West Springfield High School.

He was a long-time member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam, a member of its Catholic Men's Club, a member of the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club, and a former member of the Deadline Gang in West Springfield.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Eva (Traggio) Ferioli; a son, John R. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Joyce L. Rheume of Agawam; a sister, Ruby Sartori of Agawam; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home in Agawam, followed by Mass in the church and burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Frank D. D'Allesantro

Frank Dixon D'Allesantro, 60, formerly of Agawam, died recently at his home in St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.

He was a sales representative for Pepsi-Cola of South Windsor, Connecticut, for 10 years. He was also a salesman for 30 years at the former Hampshire Lincoln-Mercury, Riverdale Chrysler-Plymouth, and West Springfield Chrysler-Plymouth.

For the last seven years, he worked at the Pelican Resort and Casino in St. Maarten.

He was born in Springfield, MA, and lived in Agawam until 1991.

He was a graduate of Cathedral High School and Western New England College.

He was a Marine veteran.

He leaves his wife, Janice M. (Titone) D'Allesantro of St. Maarten; his mother-in-law, Maria Louise (Gamba) Titone of Stafford Springs, Connecticut; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, William J. and Marilyn Titone, also of Stafford Springs.

The funeral was held at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., of Stafford Springs, followed by Mass in St. Edward Church, Stafford Springs. Burial was in St. Edward Cemetery.

Agawam UNICO Schedules 16th Annual Memorial Mass For Sunday, November 8th

On November 8, 1998, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will hold its 16th Annual Memorial Mass for its departed members.

The Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Agawam. The Rev. William C. Rousseau, Administrator of both St. Anthony and St. Theresa Churches, will be the celebrant.

The St. Anthony Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Beltrandi, will provide the music for the Mass.

Family members and friends of departed UNICO members are invited to attend the mass and the luncheon that will be held after the Mass

in the St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall. During the Mass, 43 departed members will be remembered.

If anyone has any questions regarding the Memorial Mass, they may contact Lou Scherpa at 786-0203.

UNICO National is an Italian-American service organization. It was founded in 1922 and the Agawam chapter was chartered in 1962. The club holds several fundraisers throughout the year to support its many charitable causes.

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Agawam Beautification Committee Thanks 1998 Contributors

As the 1998 planting season ends, the Agawam Beautification Committee wishes to thank all who contributed to its success.

Again this summer, Agawam received many compliments from both visitors and residents for the colorful glory of the various planters and flower barrels strategically placed throughout the community. Many have remarked that, because of their presence, each visit to Agawam is a more pleasant experience and reflective of a caring community.

City Councilor George Bitzas observed, "This program works successfully only because of those many who volunteer as adopters each year and who diligently look after these plantings from early spring to late fall." He provided a list of those who adopted the larger planters and said that unfortunately space does not allow for the listing of all of those who adopted the 39 flower barrels or helped in other ways.

Businesses and individuals who adopted planters this year are Agawam Public Market, Agawam Junior Women's Club, Plant Land, Berkshire Power, Luigi's Pizza, Junior Girl Scout Troop 583, Riverside Park, Fini's Plant Farm, West Springfield Garden Club and DPW, Fantastic 4-H Club, Century 21/Newschu Real Estate, Rotary Club, and Anne Sullivan Committee. Various other individuals and businesses contributed plants, special services, or cash donations to purchase additional flowers.

John Zebryk said that special thanks should also be extended to all the ladies on the Beautification Committee who actually planted many of the flowers and provided backup and support to all of the adopters.

For example, there were occasions where Zoafia Demko and his sister, Helen Lawrenchuk, were observed working late into the evening under the headlights of their car. Or, Nancy Rosner who personally adopted the Town Hall.

The Committee as a whole also wish to publicly thank those supervisors and individuals of the Agawam DPW for their help with the heavy work of the program.



TENDING ONE OF THE LARGER Beautification Committee planters at the corner of Suffolk and Silver Streets are Century 21/Newschu "adopters" Jane David, John Schuler, and Nancy Kanjian.

Agawam Democratic Committee To Hold Breakfast This Sunday At Chez Josef

The Agawam Democratic Committee is pleased to announce that this year's breakfast will take place this Sunday, October 25th, at Chez Josef banquet facility, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The breakfast will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets are available at \$20 each from any member of the Agawam Democratic

Committee.

This fall's breakfast will be held to honor long-time Democratic party activist and leader, the late Salvator A. Scibelli. It is hoped and urged that all the friends of the late Salvator Scibelli and his family will attend the breakfast to honor the good man and his great family.



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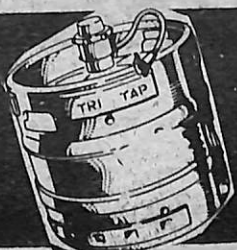
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Veterans' Corner...

News From Holyoke Soldiers' Home

by Ruth C. Bitzas
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

A while back, I attended a meeting at the Soldiers' Home where Governor Cellucci announced his plan for an additional 25-bed unit for veterans suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease. This was exciting news because at a recent Veterans' Agents meeting, it was announced that the unit will be open by the first of the year.

In addition, as of November 1st, services at the Home will include an outpatient pharmacy. Only prescriptions issued at the Soldiers' Home will be filled, and there will be specific pick-up hours. There will be a \$5 co-pay for generic and a \$10 co-pay for brand names.

I feel Superintendent Paul Morin and Deputy Superintendent Dick Palazzi are doing a great job for area veterans. I'm sure you're aware that many insurances do not pick up the cost of medications, so this is a great plus for vets.

Did you know that there are presently 175 veterans on the waiting list for long-term care? Also, that the cost for long-term care at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home is the lowest of the state soldiers' homes in the country? Also, that I have had nothing but good reports on the level of care given? We're so fortunate to have this facility so close to home.

There is an addendum to the 99-2000 State Budget for the Soldiers' Home which includes three important needs for the Home. They are 1) \$40,000 for a feasibility study for air conditioning for several parts of the building, the outpatient department pharmacy, and several other parts of the building; 2) increase in funding for dental services from part-time to full-time (some appointments are backed up nine months); 3) and also funds for staffing 15 additional long-term care

beds.

YOUR LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO SENATORS AND REPS. CAN RESULT IN MORE SERVICES FOR VETERANS IN NEED! The Soldiers' Home has been trying to have the three requests approved for the past three years.

Agawam veterans who served on active duty during the Korean War and whose last names begin with "F" and "G" are listed below. If your loved one's name is missing or you know of a friend or neighbor whose name is missing, please advise them to contact our office. We're located in the Veterans' Services office, Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236/237.

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State Rep. Keenan To Be Guest Speaker At Agawam Historical Association Meeting

At the confluence of the Agawam and Connecticut Rivers in 1635, Agawam became the first settlement in Western Massachusetts. The river remained the Agawam River until the mid 1900's when, through a bureaucratic process, it became the Westfield River.

Why did this happen, and what can be done to revert to its historical bases and enable Agawam to regain an important part of its heritage? These questions will be addressed at the October 27th meeting of the Agawam Historical Association.

In response to concerns expressed by the Historical Association, State Representative Daniel Keenan agreed to do some research on this subject and identify avenues open for possible correction. At the October 27th meeting of the Agawam Historical Association, which is open to all interested residents, Keenan will summarize

the results of his research and advise what future course of action may be available.

The meeting will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam. Guests are invited to attend. A business meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Historical Association is continuing with the sale of historic gift items as part of its efforts to raise funds for the proposed new Fire Museum. These items will be available on the night of the meeting and will continue to be permanently displayed at the new Fire Headquarters on Main Street.

Those interested in contributing to the Museum building fund or participating in Historical Association programs can call the Millers at 786-7329, or Rick Bellico at 568-9147, ext. 224.

In Support Of Galvin



AGAWAM TOWN CLERK RICHARD THEROUX (left) and State Rep. Dan Keenan were recently holding a campaign sign on Suffolk Street to show their support for Secretary of State Bill Galvin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of DiDonato for a revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of MacBrook Estates which is a request for waiver of Section 159-31A of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations regarding buffers.

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Melconian Golf Tournament Benefits Women's Services

The YWCA of Western Massachusetts Abuse and Rape Crisis Hotline (ARCH) battered women's program recently purchased a 15-passenger van with money raised by the Linda J. Melconian Charity Golf Tournament.

The tournament, held August 31st at The Orchards, raised more than \$30,000 for battered women's programs in Hampden County. The YWCA ARCH and New Beginnings shelters as well as Womanshelter Companeras received funding. In the six years Senator Melconian has held the tournament, it has raised more than \$180,000 for battered women.

"Senator Melconian has once again shown tremendous support for the YWCA and the women we serve," said YWCA Executive Director Mary Reardon Johnson. "Her outstanding efforts have helped us purchase a much needed van which will provide transportation for women in shelter."

The golf tournament would be possible without the many volunteers and participants who return each year to support the YWCA and Womanshelter Companeras. The YWCA of Western Massachusetts is the largest provider of services to battered women in the region.

New Beginnings in Westfield and ARCH in Springfield offer 24-hour hotlines, emergency shelters, crisis counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and numerous other services.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Jodi Smith, director of ARCH; YWCA Women's Services Director Deborah Muyskens; YWCA Executive Director Mary Reardon Johnson; and State Senator Linda J. Melconian.

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It can certainly seem that way, especially in the campaign season when slogans seem to replace good ideas. But government is still the best way to change things in our lives. Children used to work 16 hours a day in factories, racial minorities were relegated to the role of second-class citizens who were denied good jobs and education, and elderly people without savings were left to fend for themselves.

Vast improvements have been made in each of these areas and these changes did not happen through random chance. Concerned citizens decided that they did not like the status quo and they worked through all levels of their government to change it.

Plenty of problems need attention today, but there are also plenty of ways to address them. The first and most important is by taking the time on November 3rd to vote. Voting is without exaggeration the most important act we can perform as citizens of the Commonwealth and the United States. All elected officials are not the same and every day we are asked to make decisions affecting your lives.

By voting, you hold us accountable and make yourself more important. It is only natural that employees perform better when they know the boss is watching.

But voting is only the first step. When something you care about happens, you have to tell us about it. Democracy is a two-way street. Once we know your concerns, we can address them in their order of importance to you. There are several ways you can inform us of what you want.

First, you can call or write us. The more people who express an interest in a problem, the easier it is to build a consensus about it and the faster it is likely to be solved.

Second, get involved in a political campaign. In local campaigns, a few dedicated volunteers can be the difference between winning and losing.

Finally, talk to groups who are already working on issues you care about. Whether the issue is education, access health care, or finding a job, there is someone who cares about the same things you do and knows where your efforts will do the most good.

Government, and especially a democracy, is made up of people. But it is hard to get a majority of 40 senators or 160 representatives to agree on anything. The one thing we do agree on is that we do our best work when we are responding to the needs of our constituents. Please remind us how important our job is to you by coming out to vote on November 3rd.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!

Massachusetts Legislature Passes Exemption For Veterans' Ceremonies

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that the Senate and House have passed legislation safeguarding veterans' use of firearms for ceremonies and parades. The legislature was responding to a problem in the newly enacted ban on assault weapons, Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1998, whose prohibition on carrying unloaded rifles on a public way inadvertently impacted on veterans' ceremonies.

"The legislature clearly did not intend to halt practices, such as veterans' parades and 21-gun salutes, which have existed since the founding of the nation," said Melconian. "I am happy that we were able to move quickly to assure that this mistake did not interfere with Veterans' Day events."

The Legislature acted on two separate amendments last week, which collectively exempted all veterans' ceremonies.

The first amendment allowed veterans to use

unloaded rifles (defined to also include rifles loaded with blanks) to be used in drills, parades, military reenactments, or other commemorative ceremonies, color guards, or memorial service firing squads.

The second amendment exempted possession of unloaded, large-capacity rifles or shotguns from the new licensing requirements of the assault weapons ban when they are used for official parade duty or during ceremonial occasions. This second amendment was necessitated by the fact that Vietnam and Persian Gulf veterans utilize in their ceremonies larger caliber weapons which would require an additional license not covered by the normal veterans' exemption to licensing.

"The assault weapons ban was enacted too quickly and without proper debate. That is one of the reasons I opposed its passage," said Melconian. "I am glad that the Legislature was able to shield veterans from some of its problems."

Agawam Receives \$48,700 In Community Policing Grants

Governor Paul Cellucci recently announced more than \$20 million in community policing grants for 331 cities and towns across Massachusetts, representing an increase of \$2.5 million over last year's commitment and expanding the program to an additional 19 communities.

Agawam was the recipient of \$48,700 in grants as part of this program.

"Our commitment to community policing has resulted in some of the most innovative and effective crime fighting methods in the country," said Cellucci. "By investing in crime fighting efforts at the local level, we improve the quality of life in our communities and neighborhoods."

The Cellucci Administration has invested nearly \$80 million in community policing over the past six years. During that period, the number of communities benefiting has grown to 331, while crime has steadily dropped across the state.

The program also makes hundreds of local crime prevention programs geared towards child safety a reality. Community policing has helped establish child photo and fingerprint identification programs and parent-child safety training in more than 200 communities. The grants are also used to establish in-school safety training classes.

Community policing initiatives are organized at the local level with input from police, neighborhood groups, local businesses, and the religious community. Grants are awarded based on merit and the community's population.

Seniors Issues Discussed On Keenan's Cable Show

A new episode of "From Your House to the State House with Representative Dan Keenan" is currently running on Channel 9 on Sundays throughout the month of October.

Keenan is joined by guest Gail Freeman, Deputy Director of the Agawam Senior Center, to discuss senior issues and the Agawam Senior Center.

Please share any concerns or suggestions with Rep. Keenan by contacting him at his district office, 786-4545, on 342 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Legislature's Job Development & Adult Education Programs

Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce Massachusetts' continuing commitment to meeting the educational needs of all its adult citizens.

"Funding traditional higher education is critically important, but it is not all-inclusive," Melconian said. "We must also assist the hard-working young people who do not attend two- or four-year institutions directly after high school, so they also have the skills to excel."

Massachusetts programs focus on teaching young men and women practical job skills while still encouraging them to pursue other educational options. Youthbuild promotes both goals, providing job training in the construction industry for youths 18 to 24, preparing them to receive their General Equivalency Degree, and offering access to intensive educational and life counseling.

The state budget will also provide young people with the skills to go directly from high school to the job market, with \$4.6 million for School-to-Work programs and \$2.75 million for One-Stop Career Centers for job assistance.

"Not all students have the same priorities when they leave high school," Melconian said. "We must tailor and change our education programs to serve the needs of these different groups."

However, Melconian also recognizes that education is still the cornerstone to advancement in today's increasingly technical society.

"I am pleased to note that when young people do decide to go back to school, they will not do so alone," Melconian said.

Eight point one million dollars in additional scholarships from the state and federal tax cuts insure that individuals can attend community college for no more than \$500. The state also provides funds for more than 26,000 people to enroll in adult education.

"Because their level of education impacts directly on their lives, we don't want young adults to feel like high school was their only chance," Melconian said. "It is never too late to take advantage of education and job development programs."

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Dinner & Silent Auction In Honor Of Zachary Foster

Give Zach A Lift, a dinner and silent auction for nine year-old Zachary Foster of Springfield, will be held on Tuesday, November 10th at Chez Josef in Agawam. The benefit is being organized to assist Zachary and his family with the purchase of a wheelchair lift van.

Zach was born 13 weeks early and developed many life-threatening problems. After six months in the intensive care nursery of Baystate Medical Center, he went home to his family weighing only six pounds and facing a long challenge of surgeries and therapies to deal with his severe cerebral palsy.

Nine years later, he is a happy and tough-as-nails child who relies on his family and nurses to provide daily total care for him. Zachary has a great wheelchair and enjoys going to Trinity United Methodist Church, to his classes at Drama Studio, and on trips with his family. He currently weighs 65 pounds and his wheelchair weighs as much as he does. A new wheelchair lift van is needed for Zachary's transportation, and the needed funds are being sought through the *Give Zach A Lift* benefit.

Give Zach A Lift will begin with a social hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing. An exciting silent auction will also be held, including such items as a Bruin's hockey jersey signed by Bobby Orr, a lovely wing chair from Kavanaugh's Furniture in Springfield, Springfield Symphony tickets, art pieces, and gift certificates to several restaurants. News 40's Ray Hershel will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Tickets are now on sale for *Give Zach A Lift* for \$25 per person.

For information on donating an item for the silent auction, or to purchase tickets, please contact Jim and Diane Mackie at (413) 566-5719. *Give Zach A Lift* is being conducted in affiliation with Trinity United Methodist Church of Springfield.

Raising \$\$\$ For Jr. Women's Holiday Baskets



LAST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, the parking lot of Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills was the site of tag sale tables which were set up to raise funds for the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Holiday Basket Drive. Pictured above are Stop & Shop managers Ken Romano (far left) and Emilia Miner (far right) with club members Fran McBride, Luisa Mercadante, and Christine Jack. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

West Springfield Coin Club To Hold Semi-Annual Coin Show At Dante Club

The West Springfield Coin Club will hold its semi-annual Coin Show at the Dante Club on Baldwin Street, West Springfield, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25th.

Coin dealers will be exhibiting as well as buying and selling coins and giving free appraisals.

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Ho! Ho! Ho! The Agawam Junior Women's Club is once again merrily underway collecting food and toys for the 1998 Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Baskets for our citizens in need.

Last year, due to an overwhelming generosity from our friends, YOU, we were able to provide meals to 54 families, and clothes and toys to 153 children within Agawam and Feeding Hills.

We look forward to your generosity again this year. If you wish to donate new toys or canned goods, we have several drop-off boxes in Agawam and Feeding Hills. Locations are Westfield Savings Bank, Fitness First, Town Hall, Agawam Public Market, Feeding Hills Public Market, Sand Castle Day Care, Agawam Public Library, Col-dwell Banker, and the Senior Center.

When you shop for your own holiday dinner, buy an extra of something for our needy friends. We are looking for the following canned and dry goods:

Canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, cereal, cake mixes, soap/toothpaste/brush, paper goods, pasta, canned juice, prepared foods (shelf goods), soups, canned meats (tuna, spam).

Also, if you wish to donate toys for children from ages one to 14, we will accept these, also, at the drop-off sites. If you would like to make a donation of a frozen turkey or a canned ham for a Holiday Basket, or school supplies or Agawam Theatre movie tickets as gifts for older children, please call Dee Adams at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

Again, we will be at the SOCCER JAMBOREE in October with a drop-off box there and at the BREAKFAST WITH SANTA the first week in December. Please remember that by purchasing one can of food or one toy, you can make the difference in a child's happiness during the holidays. Knowing that you CARE can make all the difference in the world. And, after all, isn't that what Thanksgiving and Christmas are all about?

"Memories Of Broadway" Concert Slated For Nov. 13th

The "Memories Of Broadway" Concert is now in the final weeks of preparation for its November 13th production.

The Concert will feature the Memory Lane Chorus from the Agawam Senior Center joining with Chorus members from the Junior High School, and will take place on the Junior High School stage.

The fast-paced musical revue will feature over 60 songs from 53 different Broadway shows in solo, duet, trio, and small ensemble presentations, as well as the full chorus and combined chorus productions.

The songs represent a wide range of musical history, including early 1900 Victor Herbert operettas, George M. Cohan, Irving Berlin, the Ziegfeld Follies, Gershwin, Kern, Rodgers, many others from the 20's, 30's, and 40's, and a good representation of the modern shows from the past 40 years.

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Heritage Hall Celebrates Jewish New Year...



AT HERITAGE HALL'S WEST BUILDING, residents (pictured above and below) recently gathered with staff, friends, and family members to celebrate the Jewish New Year. Advertiser

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JERED REALE GENTILE

The Gentile Family Announces Birth Of Son, Jered Reale

John & Nancy Gentile of Southwick announce the birth of their first son, Jered Reale Gentile, on September 3rd at Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital.

Jered weighed eight pounds and measured 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his Noni, Assuntina Albano of Agawam and his Grandpa, Michael Gentile, Sr. of Agawam.

He is the 11th great-grandchild of Giovannina Albano of Springfield, who passed away on October 16, 1998. He is also the grandchild of the late Al Albano, former owner of the Clip Shop in Agawam, and the late Joanne Gentile of Agawam.

Special thanks to the Palange family of V&F Auto of Agawam for their special announcement of our son, Jered.

Dual Program Slated For Agawam AARP's October 26th Mtg.

A double-header is on tap for the second schedule meeting of the Agawam Chapter of AARP on Monday, October 26th, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

A video that was developed in cooperation with the nationally renowned Framingham Heart Group will be shown as a guide on how to diet and exercise, how to help you reduce your cholesterol level, and other easy-to-follow solutions for lifelong control.

Also, a representative from the Attorney General's office will be on hand to bring you up-to-date on "Fraud Awareness."

All AARP members are welcome to attend, and non-members are encouraged to take this opportunity to join prior to the program.

Italian Sporting Club Holds Annual Halloween Party

The Italian Sporting Club will be holding their annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 30th, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Cash prizes for best costumes will be awarded based on overall appearance, originality, and the effort that went into making the costume. There will be dancing, trivia contests, a raffle, and Halloween goodies and snacks.

The cost to attend will be \$7.50 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and advance tickets can be purchased at the Italian Sporting Club (349 Cooper Street), Sunny's Ice Cream Shop, or Valenti's Restaurant.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 26th: Apple juice, vegetable lasagna, broccoli salad, pumpernickel bread, fresh orange.

Tuesday, October 27th: "Health Expo" — turkey pot pie, butternut squash, rudi roll, apple dumpling.

Wednesday, October 28th: Baked chicken breast, au gratin potatoes, acorn squash, whole wheat bread, jello with fruit.

Thursday, October 29th: Beef stew (with potatoes, carrots, celery, and peas), tossed salad, roll, cupcake.

Friday, October 30th: Corn chowder, tunafish on a roll, cole slaw, canned pineapple.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Fish & Chip Dinners Held Each Friday At The Agawam VFW

Each Friday evening, fish and chip dinners will be held at the Agawam VFW, Post 1632 (located at 194 South Street, Agawam).

The cost is \$5.95 per person, and the Friday night dinners will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

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Wilma Ravenola Named Big E Host Of The Day

Wilma Ravenola of Agawam was presented with The Big E Host of the Day award October 3, 1998, by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary.

Ravenola has worked at the Gate 4 Courtesy Booth at The Big E for six years. When not working the fair, Ravenola is a customer service representative with Bell Atlantic Telephone.

The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair's philosophy of positive customer relations. It has been part of the Exposition's customer service program since 1989, established for individuals who go "above and beyond the call" in their interactions with fairgoers. Ravenola was selected from more than 1,500 personnel working this year at The Big E.

Ravenola's responsibilities include providing visitor information on the fair, receiving and directing package deliveries, and overseeing the "will-call" distribution of tickets to be picked up at the Gate 4 Courtesy Booth.

Ravenola received a Host of the Day plaque and 1998 Big E commemorative gifts at the surprise presentation. "Wilma Ravenola does a terrific job," McCary said. "She is one of the fair's front door people and, as such, faces a special challenge. Her courtesy and helpfulness every day exemplify The Big E spirit and we appreciate all she does," said McCary at the ceremony which was attended by fair officers, managers, and co-workers.

The 78th edition of The Big E will take place September 17-October 3, 1999 in West Springfield.

A notice to community groups, service organizations, etc.: please be sure to publicize your events and activities at least two weeks in advance ... AAN!!!

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WILMA RAVENOLA OF AGAWAM (right) was named The Big E Host of the Day on October 3rd by Eastern States Exposition President Wayne McCary (center). Ravenola served as a front-line hospitality representative at the Gate 4 Courtesy Booth at The Big E. The Host of the Day award recognizes employees, volunteers, and other members of The Big E family who exemplify the fair's philosophy of positive customer relations.

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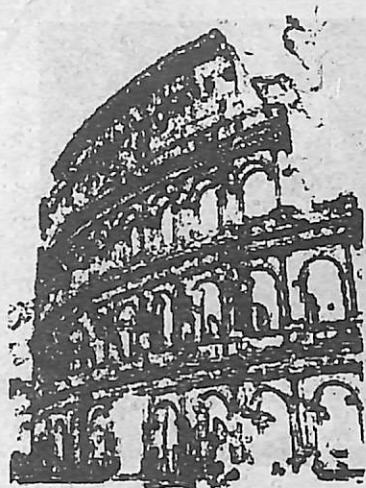
LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 1998 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of MacBrook, Inc. for a revision to the

Definitive Subdivision Plan of MacBrook Estates regarding sidewalks.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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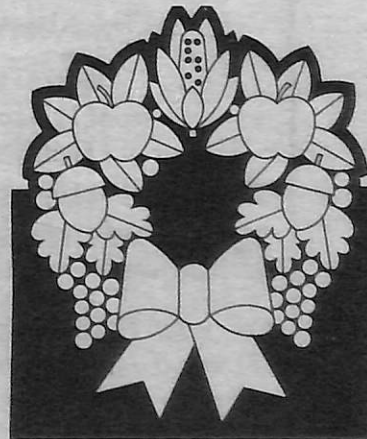
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Polish Club Women's Auxiliary Holds Annual Craft Fair...



SOME OF THE CRAFTERS at this year's craft fair sponsored by the Polish Club Women's Auxiliary: Beverly Amlaw and Shirley Pattison (above) and Jean Osolin and Gloria Silva (below). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SARAH MORIARTY (left) and MAUREEN FREDEY (right) at the annual craft fair sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club of Agawam. This year's fair was held last Saturday, October 17th, at the indoor pavilion on the club grounds. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Community Grange To Hold Oct. 31st Bazaar

The ladies of the Grange have been busy and will hold their annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Crocheted and knitted items, ornaments, afghans, baked goods, books, and tag sale items will be available.

The snack bar will be open and Magpie the Clown will be visiting. Children under 11 who come in costume will receive a special Halloween treat. Raffle tickets will be available for an afghan, Beanie Babies, and other items.

"Halloween Scene" On October 24th At The Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills children ages four and up are invited to a "Halloween Scene" on Saturday, October 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

We'll get you in the Halloween mood with stories, a craft, a snack, and a special raffle.

Sign up for this program by Wednesday, October 21st. Call 789-1550, or visit the library to register.

Classified ads in the Advertiser News cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less. However, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. They must be brought in or mailed in with payment. We are located in the Crossroads Shoppes in Feeding Hills Center.



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Mary C. Parrotta Becomes Bride Of Enrico N. Manes

Our Lady of Hope Church in Springfield was the setting for the July 31st wedding of Mary C. Parrotta and Enrico N. Manes.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Peter A. Parrotta of 150 James Street, Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Luciano Manes of 50 Halladay Drive, Feeding Hills.

Leah Melloni attended the bride, her cousin, as maid of honor. Claudio Manes served his brother as best man.

The bride is continuing her bachelor's degree in education which began at Westfield State College and will finish at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is presently working towards his master's degree at Purdue University.

Agawam Women's Club To Meet On Mon., October 26th

On Monday, October 26th, the Agawam Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting. The meeting will take place at the Captain Leonard House at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. George Collins will read the invocation, and the program "Focus On Dietician" promises to be most interesting.

All members are urged to attend our meetings and guests are most welcome.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in or faxed to us on Mondays. Thank you ... AAN!!!



MR. & MRS. GERALD A. PARROTTA

Christine L. Dickson & Gerald A. Parrotta United In Marriage

Christine L. Dickson and Gerald A. Parrotta were married in a candlelit wedding, June 13th at the Groveland Congregational Church by the Rev. Carlton W. Talbot.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Gail Dickson of Groveland. She was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Pam Barry and bridesmaids were Johanna Dickson, Helene Grabowski, Heather Herman, Mary Parrotta, and Jill Thornton. Eliza LaBelle was the flower girl.

The groom is the son of Peter and Linda Parrotta of Feeding Hills. Best man was Bruno Parrotta and ushers included Scott Dickson, Scott Dinsmore, Nino Manes, Mark Melloni, and Sean Quill.

The bride and groom graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy. Christine is a therapist at Children's Hospital in Boston. Jerry is a therapist at Sports and Physical Therapy Assoc. in Boston.

Following the reception at Stowe Acres Country Club, the couple left for a honeymoon in Hawaii.

They make their home in Brighton, Mass.

American Legion In Agawam To Host Kids' Halloween Party

American Legion Post 185, 478 Springfield St., Agawam is hosting a "Children's Halloween Party" on Friday, October 30th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The party is open to all children of Agawam residents from age two to 10.

Fun activities, prizes, and goodies for all who attend!

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MR. & MRS. JOSEPH F. LIQUORI

Janet Sarantopoulos Weds Joseph F. Liquori Of Agawam

Janet Sarantopoulos, the daughter of Martha and Peter Sarantopoulos of Longmeadow, and Joseph F. Liquori, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Liquori of Agawam, were united in marriage on August 15, 1998 at Suffield Country Club in Suffield, Connecticut, where parents, family, and friends celebrated this joyous occasion.

The bride's sister served as maid of honor. Dough Sarantopoulos, brother of the bride, was best man. Darlene Pokora, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid. John Paul Krawiec, nephew of the groom, took many photographs.

The bride is a graduate of Queen's College in Charlotte, North Carolina and is now employed at Lego Systems in the Human Resources Dept. The groom graduated from STCC with degrees in electronics and mechanical engineering and received his bachelor's degree from Westfield State College. He is employed at AAR Aircraft Engine Services in Windsor, Connecticut as a quality assurance inspector.

The couple honeymooned in Miami and Key West, Florida. They will reside in Agawam in 1999.

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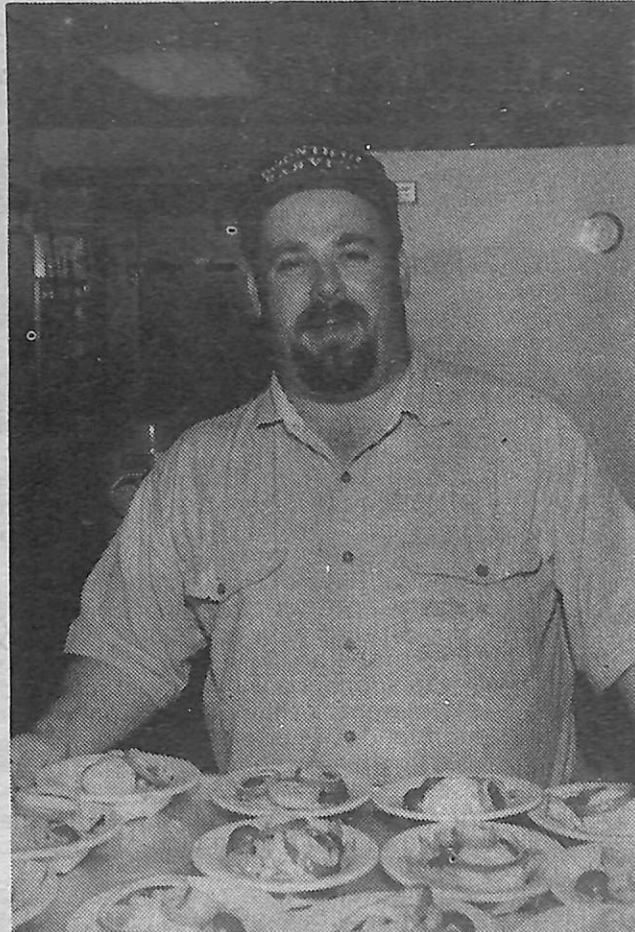
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“Italian Night” At Agawam Senior Center...



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER held a festive “Italian Night” with food and entertainment last Friday night, October 16th. Among those in attendance were Caroline DeMaio (left photo); Rita M. DeChristopher, Joan Linehan, and Louis DeChristopher (center photo); and Peter Mathes (right photo).

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Autumn Adventures For Children At The Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills preschoolers and their families are encouraged to join us at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, October 27th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a seasonal storytime.

We will explore the fun in falling leaves, pumpkin patches, and other harvest happenings. Stories and an art project will round out the evening.

Please register by calling 789-1550 or visiting the library at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Check our classified ads in each edition ... AAN!!!

West Spfld.-Agawam Emblem Club Slates Ham/Bean Supper And “Penny Sale”

Come join the West Springfield-Agawam Emblem Club No. 526 for a fun-filled evening beginning with a Ham & Baked Bean Supper followed by a “Penny Sale.”

This event will be held on Thursday, October 29th at the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks, Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Donation for supper is \$6.50 for adults (including admittance to the “Penny Sale”), \$3 for children three to 10 years-old, and free for all

children under three. Supper will be served from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A donation of \$1 is asked for those attending the “Penny Sale” only.

This event is held as a fundraiser for the club's charities, including scholarships, veterans, S.A.F.E., and community projects.

For more information, contact Agnes Hanna (734-8769), Arlene McGavin (562-3373), or any member of the Emblem Club. Reservations are required by October 20th for the supper.

For photo coverage in the ADVERTISER NEWS, call Jack Devine at 789-0053. However, please give him at least 48 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you!

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Egg & Cheese Sandwich With Ham, Bacon or Sausage	
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Church News

Calendar Of Activities & Upcoming Events At First Baptist Church

"Starving Into Prosperity" will be the message given by Pastor Richard Barnes at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship this Sunday.

Ecclesiastis 11:1-6 will be the scriptural text for the sermon. Yvette Ramos-Bishop will lead the responsive reading.

Following worship, there will be a time of food and fellowship in Davis Hall.

Classes for all ages are held after the social time until 11:45 a.m. Nursery care is always provided.

The fifth annual Rays of Hope Walk Towards a Cure for Breast Cancer is also this Sunday, October 25th. Registration is from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The walk starts at 12:30 p.m.

If you want to sponsor a walker, contact Nancy Velozo or any member of the Caring Connection. Members and friends will be walking in memory of Connie Hollis, former member of the church.

The Board of Deacons will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Lockhart Parlor.

Coming up this week:

Monday, October 26th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

Tuesday, October 27th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Bible Study; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group.

Wednesday, October 28th: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, October 29th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, October 30th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal.

Remember to turn your clock BACK on Sunday, October 25th, to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time and the resumption of Standard Time.

Spaghetti And Meatball Dinner At St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The menu will include spaghetti with meatballs and sausage, garden salad, bread and butter, coffee, tea, cold drinks, and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

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Agawam Congregational Church's Weekly List Of Dates To Remember

The Catering Committee is sponsoring a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, October 24th, serving continuously from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12. For reservations, call the church at 786-7111 by Thursday, October 22nd.

This Sunday, October 25th, is the 21st Sunday after Pentecost. The Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be "Be Yourself," taken from Text: Luke 18:9-14. His Children's Message will be "Who's That?"

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for seventh through 12th grades, and Crib Room through sixth grade will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The Children's Choir will meet immediately following the Worship Service in the Choir Room with Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music. Any child who would like to join may attend.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is baked beans.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

A pumpkin-painting night for the Club 56 (fifth- and sixth-graders) will be held this Friday, October 23rd, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The decorated pumpkins will be on sale during the Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 25th.

On Saturday, October 24th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., the Club K*1*2 (kindergarten through second-graders) and Club 34 (third- and fourth-graders) Youth Groups are having a Halloween Costume Party.

Parents are welcome to join in the fun.

Spread the word!!! The Youth Committee is

sponsoring an "Old-Time Halloween Dance" on Friday, October 30th, that will be open to the seventh- through 12th-grade teens of the community.

There will be a "Best Costume Contest," games, and prizes. The fee is just \$4, or \$3 plus a non-perishable item for the Open Pantry.

The dance will run from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Bryan Hall. A "no re-entry" policy will be in effect, and the music will be provided by "Music Celebration" D.J. Chuck Malloy.

Sign up early because this event will be limited to 150 teens. Call the church office at 786-7111 to reserve a space.

The Music Committee has announced the beginning of the "Agawam Chorale," which will meet three or four times a year for a Thursday rehearsal and sing in the church on Sunday mornings.

All aspiring singers are invited on Thursday, November 5th, to join the regular choir members for a fun-filled rehearsal, and on Sunday, November 8th, for a joyful musical and spiritual experience.

The "Agawam Chorale" will be under the direction of Ellen Cogen, the Minister of Music.

The Annual Christmas Wreath Sale is now here! The Youth Groups of the church will be taking orders for the wreaths during coffee hours, or call the church of 786-7111. The cost of each wreath is still only \$10 with a bright red bow attached.

The order deadline is November 8th. This year, delivery is available for orders of 20 or more wreaths. The pick-up date is Sunday, November 29th, following the Worship Service.

Mark your calendars today! The Ladies Aid Annual Holly Wreath Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chicken Pie Supper At F.H. Congregational

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills is sponsoring a **Chicken Pie Supper**, mini bazaar, and food sale on Saturday, November 14th.

The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans almondine, cranberry sauce, beet relish, rolls and butter, homemade apple or squash pie, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children under eight, preschool-age children are free, with servings at 5:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

For reservations, call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732.

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O Most Beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful in the splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O star of the Sea, help and show me here that you are my mother. O Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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Now that God sees you as His child, you are to live up to your new name and position. How are you doing? Are you living as a citizen of heaven? Are you growing in your Christian life, becoming more like Christ? If not, you have some work to do. Confess your failures to God and then depend on the Holy Spirit to help you grow in obedience.

But what if you have never trusted Christ as your Savior? Then God thinks of you as alienated from Him (Col. 1:21), spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1), destined for judgment (Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:11-15). Yet He loves you and wants to rescue you from the eternal consequences of sin (Jn. 3:16-17).

If this describes you, what should you do? Acknowledge your sin and your inability to save yourself. Call on Jesus Christ. Place your trust in Him as the Savior who died for you, asking Him for the gift of forgiveness of sin (Eph. 2:8-10). The Bible says:

As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. — John 1:12

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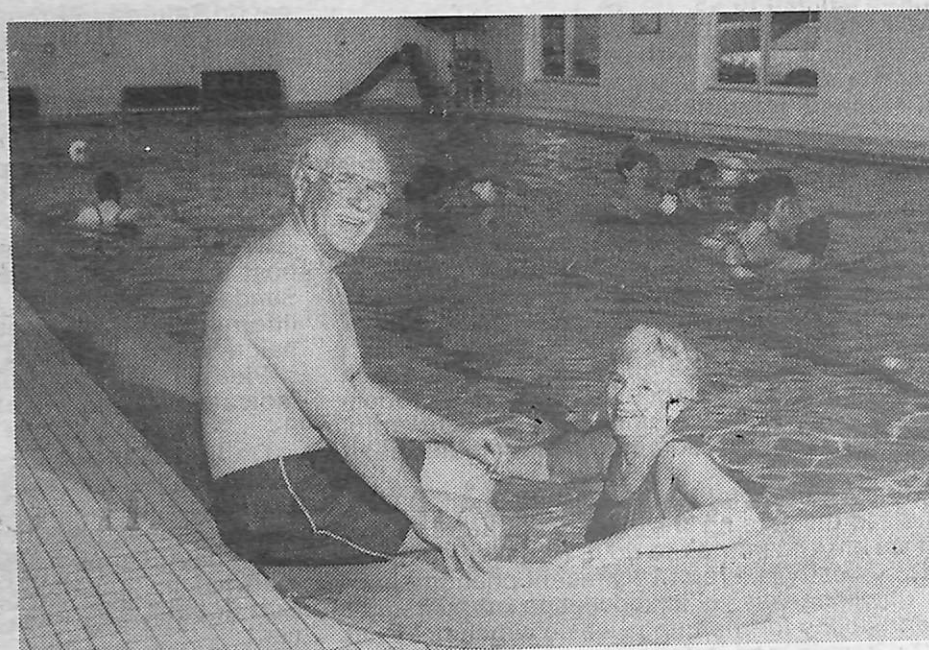
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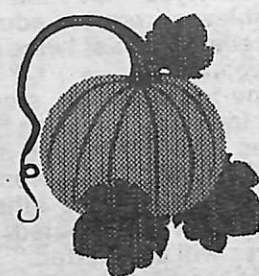
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Reflections...
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Excess Baggage...

There is more of me than needs to be. According to the charts, I carry 13 percent more body weight than I am supposed to. I am hardly alone. Recent studies indicate that more than one-third of the American population is seriously overweight.

What are we doing about our excess baggage? Our collective response to our increasing girth is to accommodate it, rather than to arrest it. Furniture is being made bigger than it used to be. Even airline seats are wider these days, as a direct result of complaints by overweight passengers.

Some people are overweight as a result of physical or medical maladies, such as a thyroid malfunctioning. Most of us, however, are overweight for a far simpler reason: we eat too much darn food! One of the ironies of our obesity is that, for the most part, we know better than to let this happen to us.

We know more about how food interacts with the human body and with other foods than we did 50 years ago, yet our increased knowledge has not resulted in healthier bodies. In fact, just the opposite has occurred.

Perhaps one of the real causes for our dilemma is that we have renamed "overweight" and related terms to make them seem to be less offensive. Clothing lines now include "big" sizes.

There are other ways we have accommodated our propensity to overeat. The so-called "X" generation has grown up with the phrase "super size" being used as a verb.

Overeating is not the only vice we protect with an abuse of our language. We can have a propensity to justify other unhealthy or unhelpful behavior by calling it something other than what it really is.

While a certain resident of Washington, D.C. is criticized for parsing the language, the reality is that we are all tempted to do it, too. While our collective obesity is a relatively recent phenomenon, our unwillingness to acknowledge our personal responsibility for the things we do wrong is as old as the human race itself.

Another age-old favorite for most of us is to compare ourselves favorably to others.

Jesus addressed this flaw in human nature. He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like these other people; thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of my income.'

"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Pharisee in Jesus' parable was so filled with pride that he was unable to comprehend his own faults. The Bible tells us there is a way to shed sin from our lives. The first step is to acknowledge our sin through confession.

Is any of us so foolish as to think we can stand before God and boast to Him that we are perfectly acceptable as we are? If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Just as our being overweight doesn't change because we rename it, so sin doesn't disappear just because we deny it.

Many others, God included, will still see our sinfulness. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Lose sin today!

Rev. Monahan's
"Reflections"
is a regular
feature of the
Advertiser News...

**News And Notes From
F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

In place of his sermon, Rev. Donaldson has asked member Shelley Rose to speak to us about her recent visit to Ireland with Operation Friendship.

Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be a Special Meeting held at this church following worship this Sunday, October 25th. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Agawam Parish Association will meet here on Monday, October 26th, at 7:00 p.m. This newly-formed organization is made up of clergy and lay persons from Agawam.

Its purpose is to help local churches work together. If you are interested in more information or attending the meeting, please call Rev. Donaldson at 786-5061.

The Ladies Benevolent Society has announced that they will serve their annual Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, November 14th. The menu will include chicken pie, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce and beet relish, butternut squash, rolls and butter, green beans almondine, beverage, and homemade pies.

If you would like to be on the supper mailing list, please call 786-5061 and leave your name and address.

The Board of Stewardship and Missions will host a Stewardship Lunch following worship on Sunday, November 1st. Church members will hear information on the Mass. Conference capital campaign "Gift & Promise."

Please use the sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall to indicate that you will attend.

On the calendar:

Saturday, October 24th: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Griswold Hall in use; Daylight Saving Time ends (set your clock back before going to bed).

Sunday, October 25th: 10:00 a.m., Worship followed by Special Meeting; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cub Scouts; 6:00 p.m., Hampden Federated Dinner.

Monday, October 26th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Agawam Parish Association.

Tuesday, October 27th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, October 28th: 4:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, October 29th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**St. Thomas Church
Seeks Crafters For
Holiday Craft Fair**

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

For further information, please call 737-2166 or 737-4145.

**Holly Wreath Bazaar
Scheduled At Feeding
Hills Congregational**

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam is sponsoring a Holly Wreath Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Homebaked foods, dried flowers, wreaths, house plants, fresh Christmas holly and greens, handmade gifts, crafts, interesting and stylish clothes from our boutique, jewelry, candy, collectibles, and a white elephant table are a few of the items featured.

The Christmas Angel Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. serving seafood salad plate with roll, pickles and chips, or an egg salad sandwich plate with pickles and chips, or chicken soup and one-half sandwich of choice.

Dessert will be brownies (with or without nuts) and ice cream with chocolate sauce or fruit compote (sugarless). Coffee and tea will be included.

A delightful food basket including many other treats will be raffled off. Be sure to buy your tickets.

Outside vendors will also be part of the fair. If there are others interested, please call 786-7111 as soon as possible.

**Parish News And
Events From
St. John's Church**

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

The monthly meeting has been changed to the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL

The October Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SURPRISE! There will be an ATTIC TREASURES BOOTH at the Bazaar on December 5th, thanks to last week's notice.

This booth will be limited to small appliances, vases, glassware, miscellaneous decorative housewares, etc. NO BIG ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

They still need old jewelry ... bring these to the Parish Center marked "BAZAAR" daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**"Old-Time Halloween
Dance" At Agawam
Congregational**

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The music will be provided by "Music Celebration" D.J. Chuck Malloy.

Sign-up early because the attendance for this dance will be limited to 150 teens. Call the church office at 786-7111 to reserve a space.

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Long-Term Care Planning For The Elderly — Medicaid Planning

Medicaid planning is complex. New regulations are constantly being enacted. Here is a quick review of some of the rules that apply to income.

A. 1. Income for a single person: If the applicant's monthly income is less than the monthly nursing home bill, then, with two exceptions, his/her income will go to the home and Medicaid makes up the difference. He/she will be allowed to keep \$60 a month for a personal needs allowance and a deduction to pay his/her Medigap premium.

The monthly income of the community spouse is not used in determining eligibility. However, if his/her monthly income is less than a federally mandated monthly minimum, then (s)he can look to the assets first, then to the income of his/her spouse (the institutionalized spouse) for a sum to bring him/her up to that minimum. For 1998, the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance determined by the state is set at \$1,357.00 with a maximum of \$2,019.00 per month. These amounts are subject to adjustment for cost of living increases each year.

B. Assets

Medicaid divides assets into three groups: countable, non-countable, and inaccessible.

a. **Countable assets** must be spent to zero. They include cash, stocks, IRA's, certain Keogh's, certificates of deposit, money market, whole life insurance (if face value exceeds \$1,500.00), vacation homes, and investment property.

Be careful about vacation homes, they are countable assets. Therefore, a condominium in Florida owned by a Massachusetts applicant will be treated as a vacation home and may disqualify the applicant from receiving Medicaid in Massachusetts. This is a trap for the unwary.

b. **Non-countable assets** can be worth any amount but are not used in determining eligibility. They currently include \$2,000.00, a prepaid funeral in any amount (within reason, of course), a burial account not to exceed \$1,500.00, term life insurance, a car for a single applicant (up to \$4,500.00 in equity value), a home used as a principal residence, and personal items.

c. **Inaccessible assets** are those which were countable at one time but are no longer owned or controlled by the applicant and his/her spouse. Property, the ownership of which is the subject of legal proceedings (probate and divorce suits), is cited in the new regulations as one example of an inaccessible asset. An inaccessible asset is an asset to which the applicant or member has no legal access.

2. Assets and married couples

All countable assets are added together and considered countable at the time the applicant enters any medical institution where he or she may spend 30 days or more. As of January 1, 1998, the community spouse (CS) keeps the first \$80,760.00 of those countable assets. This amount is referred to as the Community Spouse Resource Allowance and is increased each year based on COLA. All assets in excess of this amount (referred to as a spend-down) are considered available to be spent on the institutionalized spouse's care subject to OBRA '93.

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Stop & Shop volunteers then design fundraising events such as carnivals, bowling tournaments, pumpkin-carving contests, and hot dog sales. All the proceeds from these events will go to the hunger relief organization of their choice, and Stop & Shop invites its customers to drop by their local store, enjoy these events, and help support the community.

"We are proud that our employees and customers are so enthusiastic about helping to make a difference in the lives of others by supporting this grassroots program," said William J. Grize, president and chief executive officer for Stop & Shop.

The Food for Friends program continues throughout the year with a variety of events. Earlier in the year, as part of Food for Friends, Stop & Shop stores collected \$510,000 and nearly 125 tons of food to help feed the hungry in their local communities.

Stop & Shop also has a supplier-supported clipless coupon program where proceeds benefit local food banks, and the company distributes turkeys to food banks during the holiday season in an annual program called "Turkey Express."

Food for Friends is an integral part of Stop & Shop's Community Partnership program, and is exemplary of the company's commitment to the hunger relief organizations in the communities it serves.

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- * Itinerary.
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- * Personal health status.

Besides health risks when traveling, all of us should respect local laws and customs and adhere to some safety precautions.

* Register with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate if you plan to be in a location two or more weeks, especially if civil unrest or an emergency alert is in effect.

* Be alert! Crowded areas such as elevators, subways, and marketplaces enhance possibilities of petty theft. Handbags should be close to the body, and consider wearing a money belt.

* Medication should be carried in original containers. Strict laws govern contraband. Bring copies of Rx if possible, along with a letter explaining the need of the drug. Americans have been arrested for possessing prescription drugs, particularly tranquilizers and amphetamines.

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Low-Back Pain And Sciatica...

Question: The fall season found me raking and picking up many bags of wet leaves. I am now painfully aware of hip and back pain. After bending or sitting, the pain runs down the back of the leg and I even have a little numbness in my foot. Can chiropractic help?

Answer: Low-back pain and sciatica are frequently misunderstood conditions. They are often improperly diagnosed and improperly treated.

Actually, sciatica is a painful irritation of the largest nerve in the body which supplies the tissues of the thigh, lower leg, and foot. It is most often caused by the pinching of one or more of the nerve roots (beginnings of a nerve) where they exit from the spine.

The most common cause of pinching is due to structural misalignment of the lower vertebrae of the spine or pressure being exerted on the nerve root by a disc. A disc may rupture, protrude, herniate, or bulge and result in mechanical irritation to the nerve root.

Since the sciatic nerve is so large (about as big around as the thumb), interference or irritation along its course can cause a variety of symptoms. It may cause crippling pain. Or it may be more subtle and result in numbness, a "pins and needles" sensation, burning, or a crawling sensation.

Many times the leg feels weak, and the foot may "drop" or drag. If the nerve remains pinched for a long period of time, the muscles of the leg may become permanently reduced in size (atrophied). Sciatica is commonly associated with low-back pain, and the individual may have a history of a weak back.

Treating low-back pain and sciatica with pain killers and muscle relaxers may provide only temporary relief. Even epidural corticosteroid injections for sciatica due to a herniated disc was recently reported to have minimal improvement in "The New England Journal of Medicine."

Medications do not correct an underlying structural cause. Rarely do misaligned vertebrae or disc problems correct themselves spontaneously and permanently.

Chiropractic care is a good place to start. The U.S. Government's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) has made some remarkable statements regarding contemporary treatment for low-back pain. In addition to mild analgesics and application of heat/ice, spinal manipulation (spinal adjustments) — when performed by a professional — can be helpful for many.

The doctor of chiropractic is a well-trained professional with a variety of methods of conservative treatment of low-back pain and sciatica. Should your problem require an alternative treatment, your chiropractor will refer you to the appropriate physician.

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THROUGH ITS FUNDRAISING EFFORTS, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National recently donated a check to the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield. This hospital opened in 1925 and has treated over 35,000 children with orthopaedic conditions. From left to right: Dennis Marchetto (UNICO's Mental Health Chairman), Dick DiLullo (UNICO President), David Skolnick (Past Potentate of the Melha Temple), Ron Lalancette (UNICO Secretary), and Joe Conte, Jr. (UNICO First Vice-President). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Keenan Discusses Breast & Cervical Cancer Initiative

As the National Breast Cancer Awareness month comes to an end, State Representative Daniel F. Keenan encourages women to take advantage of free breast and cervical cancer screenings being offered through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Initiative funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The free breast and cervical cancer screenings offer information about breast and cervical health, clinical breast exams, mammograms, Pap tests and pelvic exams, and other diagnostic services.

The free health services are offered to women who are age 40 or older that meet the low income guidelines, and have no health insurance or their health insurance does not cover these services.

For more information and screening locations and times, please contact (413) 794-2224, or Keenan's district office at 786-4545.

Dr. Steve Sobel Schedules Seminar For November 5th

Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally recognized speaker and author and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management, will be presenting the special seminar, "IF YOU AREN'T LAUGHING, YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT LIVING!" - A UNIQUE SEMINAR DESIGNED TO REDUCE TERMINAL SERIOUSNESS, DECREASE STRESS, and UPLIFT YOUR LIFE" on Thursday, November 5th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Ramada (Best Western) Hotel in West Springfield.

Cost is only \$10 per person. For every four that attend, a fifth person registers for free. Advance registration is encouraged by calling 1-800-874-7189 or 413-565-5000. Contact hours may be available.

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Response To Research

I feel that I need to respond to the recent research article that was published in the October 8, 1998 *New England Journal of Medicine* and reported in the major newspapers and radio media.

The study was a comparison of physical therapy, chiropractic manipulation, and an educational booklet. The study concluded that for patients with low back pain, physical therapy and chiropractic manipulation had similar effects and costs, and patients receiving these treatments had only slightly better outcomes than those receiving an educational booklet.

A second study compared active and simulated chiropractic manipulation as adjunctive treatment for childhood asthma. The study concluded that for children with mild to moderate asthma, the addition of chiropractic spinal manipulation provided no benefit.

These studies were not favorable for chiropractic. The director of research for the Foundation of Chiropractic Education and Research, Dr. Anthony Rosner, responded to the studies. He stated that the low back study that compared chiropractic, physical therapy, and the educational booklet is an inaccurate and unfortunate representation of the patients who seek chiropractic care for low back pain. He stated the dangers of generalizing results. He also commented that the study had numerous and serious design flaws that would compromise the study's validity.

The asthma study lacked validity of the sham or mimic treatment. (It is hard to fake a chiropractic adjustment.) Another problem was that all the patients had been medicated, which may have masked the beneficial effects. There were other problems that affected the study.

These studies reflected the challenges of designing a clinical trial or study. It is easy to conduct a study with medication; one person gets the medicine, the other a similar, inert pill. It is hard to "blind" patients to a true chiropractic manipulation compared to a sham.

From my personal experience, I've found patients have responded favorably with chiropractic treatment to their low back pain and asthma. Those that haven't were referred to other specialists for further treatment.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Offered At Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesday, October 28th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic of discussion at this meeting will be announced, and it will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W.

Diabetes: Tuesday, October 27th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Mary Gina Trevisani, M.D., will present the topic "Diabetes and Eye Care."

COURSES/CLINICS/PROGRAMS:

Free Athletic Injury Clinic: Thursday, October 29th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

During this clinic (which is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month), athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.
34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball - "Autumn Leaves": Saturday, October 24th. At the School Street Bistro.

The ball will feature music by "Mass Confusion," and proceeds from this event will benefit the proposed Women's Health Center at

Noble Hospital.

To find out more information about attending the event or how to help sponsor the 34th Noble Hospital Auxiliary Ball, call the Volunteer Services Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5030.

Beginner Level Tai Chi Classes to start on November 3rd. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Series of 12 classes with Master Instructor Baiqing Li will be held on the following dates: November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st, 8th, 15th, January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and February 2nd.

The classes will be held from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., and the cost for the entire series is \$108.

Advance registration and deposit required. A \$70 non-refundable deposit must be prepaid with registration. Registration deadline is October 30th, and the balance of \$38 is due by November 24th. Class size is limited.

For registration form or additional information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, MD, will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

Fitness Tips...**Why Do I Hate It?**

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN
Ass't. Fitness Director, Fitness First

A few weeks ago, someone came up to me and said, "You are always writing about exercise benefits and techniques. Why don't you tell me why I hate to exercise?"

So, M.I., this is for you. It took me a while to think about this. I can't imagine life without exercise. So, I thought back to basics is where I go when I can't find an answer and sure enough, it was there.

The way exercise works is by making your body do something it can't do. This forces your body to change, thereby enabling your body to do this task you've forced on it. How does your body change? It increases mass, it increases cardiovascular endurance, it decreases body fat, it does whatever it needs to do to adjust. Our bodies are extremely good at adapting to anything, good and bad. This makes sense, right? This is how we get stronger, leaner, and fitter.

Now to answer the question. When you first start exercise, there are two problem scenarios; it's no fun or we don't see results. Remember, in

order for our bodies to change, no matter how we want them to change, you have got to do something that is difficult for your body to do.

That's no fun. If you want your routine to make you better, you have got to get out of that comfort zone. That goes for everybody. The good news is you get out of that comfort zone, and you are going to see results, and this will motivate you to continue. Soon, being out of your comfort zone will not seem so bad and eventually, you may even look forward to it.

The second problem is you are not seeing results. If you aren't getting the results you want, you aren't doing anything your body has to adjust to. Get out of that comfort zone!!

To enjoy exercise, you've got to see results; you've got to get out of it what you need. Everyone is different. You also need to give it some time. Once again, you need to give your exercise some thought. What is it exactly you are looking to get out of it? Now, go get it, give it some time, and work out of your comfort zone and relax.

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Ag. Senior Center To Hold Health Expo On Tues., Oct. 27th

The Agawam Senior Center will be holding its **Annual Health Expo on October 27th** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Every year, hundreds of seniors and their families attend the Health Expo.

Stop in and receive free information about the supports and services that are available to service your needs. For more information, please call Gail Freeman at 789-7199.

Telemarketing Fraud Program to be held at the Agawam Senior Center on October 26th at 1:00 p.m. Please COME and educate yourself on this problem. Call Gail Freeman for more information at 789-7199.

Caregivers Support Group continues at the Agawam Senior Center on the **third Monday of each month** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If you are caring for your spouse, an elderly parent, or relative, come and share with us or receive some support. For more information, call Gail Freeman at 789-7199.

Mental Illness Support Group continues at the Agawam Senior Center on the **last Monday** of every month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, please call Gail Freeman at 789-7199.

Crime Watch Meeting for Senior Housing SALT: Seniors and Law Enforcement Together. Agawam SALT and the Agawam Police Department. Saturdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

October 31st: Country View; **November 7th:** Colonial Haven; **November 14th:** Meadowbrook Manor; **November 21st:** Danahy.

"Family Night" To Benefit Renal Fund

The L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund is sponsoring a family night on Sunday, October 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Roma Restaurant, 559 College Highway (Rtes. 10 & 202), Southwick.

The menu will be an Italian buffet (consisting of pasta, meatballs, sausage, chicken, salad, rolls, coffee, and dessert).

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, free for children under six, and may be obtained by sending a check in the appropriate amount payable to the L. John Schinelli Renal Assistance Fund. Forward to Ms. Marie Spedero, 99 Noel St., Springfield, MA 01108.

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. For further information, please call 732-2686.

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Some Safety Tips For Halloween From Western Mass. Safe Kids Coalition

Halloween is a time of "spooky" monsters and ghosts, but the real scares result when safety precautions are not taken.

Shirley LaRoche, R.N., coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital, noted that this Halloween, adults should outfit children with safety-conscious clothing and review important safety tips with them to prevent possible injuries.

LaRoche offers the following suggestions for a safe Halloween night:

Costume Design

* Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.

* Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.

* Choose outfits made with light-colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children even more visible.

* For youngsters under the age of 12, attach their name, address, and telephone number to their clothes, but not in an easily visible place.

* Secure hats so they will not slip over children's eyes.

Face Design

* Masks can obstruct vision. Facial make-up is safer, more colorful, and more comfortable.

* When buying special Halloween make-up, read the manufacturer's list of ingredients and chemical analysis, and follow the instructions for application.

Accessories

* Knives, swords, and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.

* Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or designed or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if trick-or-treaters are allowed out

after dark.

* Carrying flashlights will help children see better and be seen by drivers.

Also, parents should accompany young trick or treaters and remind older youngsters to visit only the homes of neighbors they know who have an outside light on. Children should be taught not to cut across yards, where lawn ornaments and low hanging clothesline are considered hidden hazards, but to stay on the sidewalks at all times.

LaRoche said parents should review traffic safety rules with their youngsters such as reminding them to stop at all corners and to look left-right-left again before crossing, and to not dart out between parked cars.

"During the excitement of trick-or-treating, children often scurry to visit as many houses as possible and often dart between parked and oncoming cars," LaRoche said, noting that running out into the street accounts for 50-70 percent of all pedestrian injuries among children ages five through nine.

Motorists also need to use caution on Halloween night by slowing down in residential neighborhoods and watching carefully for children walking, stated LaRoche.

Above all, parents should tell their children to bring their treats home before eating them, cautioned LaRoche.

She noted that according to the Massachusetts Poison Control Center, bringing candy or other treats for x-ray is strongly discouraged. Many substances cannot be detected by this method and x-raying is not guarantee of safety and is costly in terms of health resources, without benefit to the public.

For more information on Halloween or other safety topics, call LaRoche at 784-5434.

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"I SHALL SCREAM!" sings the Widow Corney to Mr. Bumble in the upcoming St. Martha Players' production, "Oliver!" From left: John Stacy of Feeding Hills as Mr. Bumble, and Joy Iloff of Ellington, CT, at Widow Corney.

St. Martha Players To Stage "Oliver!"

Several area residents are featured in the upcoming St. Martha Players Cabaret Theater production of *Oliver!* This musical classic, which opens November 13th, is based on the Charles Dickens' tale, *Oliver Twist*.

The score includes such well-known melodies as "Food, Glorious Food," "Oliver," "Where Is Love?", "Consider Yourself," "Pick a Pocket or Two," "I'd Do Anything," "Oom-Pah-Pah," and "As Long as He Needs Me."

Feeding Hills resident John Stacy portrays Mr. Bumble in the upcoming production. Curiously, in *Oliver!*, Mr. Bumble is the parish beadle, and in real life, Stacy is Justice of the Peace and a constable. Stacy is very active in local theater, having appeared as Emile in *South Pacific*, Jullian Marsh in *42nd Street*, and Captain Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*. He has also been active with the Springfield, Hartford, and Portland, Maine Symphonies. Stacy is the owner of the Stacy Insurance Agency.

Robert Donovan Morgan, a student at Agawam Middle School, is cast as a workhouse boy. This Feeding Hills resident has already amassed quite a theatrical resume having played such roles as Kurt in *The Sound of Music* for Westfield's theatre group, and appeared in the Red Door Theatre's production of *Once Upon a Mattress* and *Christmas Melodies*.

Agawam native Moonyean Field is portraying Mrs. Bedwin. Field has been an active member of the St. Martha Players for many years having appeared as Sue Smith in *No, No, Nanette*, Meg in *Damn Yankees*, Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun*, Little Mary in *Little Mary Sunshine*, and Vera in *Mame*. She has also appeared as Mother Superior in Exit 7's *Nonsense*, and Fred in Exit 7's *Once Upon a Mattress*.

Performances of *Oliver!* are scheduled for November 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th at 8:00 p.m. and November 22nd and 29th at 2:00 p.m. The Players' theater space is located in Goulet Hall at the St. Martha School in Brainard Road in Enfield. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Reservations may be made by calling (860) 745-6368.

The St. Martha Players Cabaret Theater, now entering its 30th anniversary year, is the oldest community theater group in the area performing exclusively musical theater. The group currently performs two shows each season, set in a unique cabaret setting.

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Final Performances For "Carnival"...



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Tickets Still Available For Agawam Cultural Council's NYC Trip

Tickets are still available for the Agawam Cultural Council's plan-your-own trip to New York City on Saturday, November 21st.

Several stops will be made along Fifth Avenue for the convenience of those attending, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Rockefeller Center, the Times Square Show Ticket Booth, 34th Street, and South Street Seaport.

Tickets may be obtained by sending a check made out to the "Agawam Cultural Council," along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope, to Agawam Cultural Council, 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001. The cost of the trip will be \$20.

For further information, call 786-1859.

Suf. Players Extend Show For 2 Nights

Due to the excellent audience response, The Suffield Players are extending the run of their fall production of "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE" for an additional two performances, on Thursday October 29th and Friday, October 30th.

The additional performances of this wild and funny evening with the lovely but lethal Brewster sisters, and their zany relatives will be at historic Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Avenue, with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. and curtain promptly at 8:00 p.m.

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Dr. Bob Arnot To Appear At Springfield Public Forum On Wed., October 28th

Dr. Bob Arnot, NBC medical and health correspondent, will appear at Springfield Symphony Hall on Wednesday, October 28th, to discuss a critical issue of widespread concern — managed care. The talk, entitled "Managed Care: Human Lives Versus Dollars," is set for 7:30 p.m. and open to all free of charge.

This presentation, which is the third program in the Springfield Public Forum's 1998 series, has been made possible by the co-sponsorship of Baystate Medical Center. Mark Tolosky, Chief Executive Officer, will preside as chairman.

Dr. Arnot is a recognized name in the medical and health professions. Now the chief medical correspondent for NBC's *Dateline* and *Today*, he brings forth vital health and medical information, often circling the globe to get the most up-to-the-minute reports.

Prior to joining NBC in December 1996, Dr. Arnot was a health correspondent for CBS News, serving as medical reporter for many of its news programs. He also is well-known for his documentaries on smoking, AIDS, heart disease, and the abuse of crack (which won the Dupont Award).

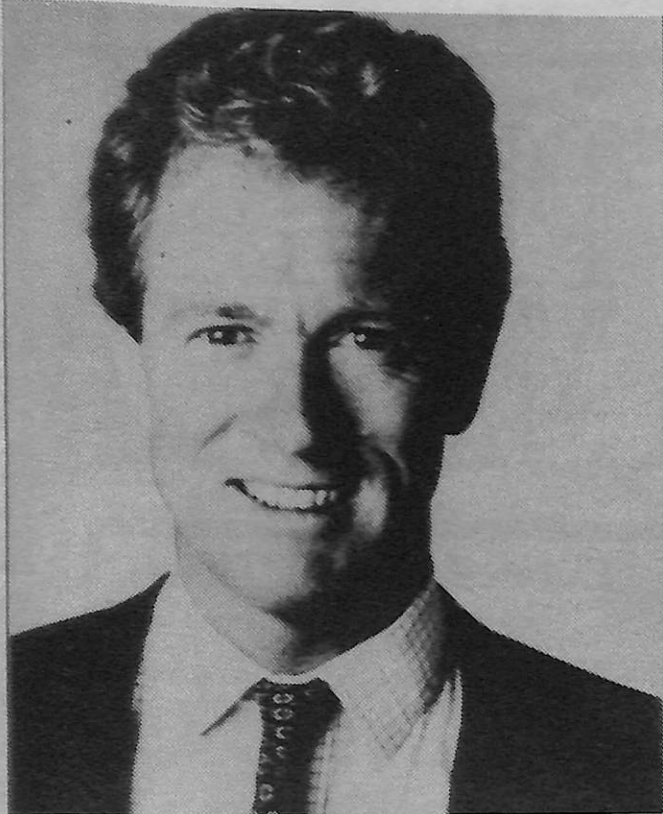
A native of Boston, Dr. Arnot received a bachelor of medical science degree from Dartmouth College in 1972, and a medical degree from McGill University in 1974.

He began his medical career as the founder and chief of the Lake Placid Sports Medical Center, where he served as administrator and as the physician for the 1977-80 U.S. Ski Team and the 1980 Winter Olympic Games. He continues to be active in this arena, developing computer applications for sports training.

From 1980 to 1984, Dr. Arnot served as national medical director of the National Emergency Service, where he was responsible for the education and quality control of 2,500 physicians in 116 hospitals across the country.

Dr. Arnot has published four books: *Sports Selection*, a sports science book; *The Best Medicine*; *Dr. Bob Arnot's Guide to Turning Back the Clock*; and *Dr. Bob Arnot's Revolutionary Weight Control Program*.

Dr. Arnot and his wife, Courtney, have two children and live in New York City. A licensed pilot, he will fly his own plane to Springfield for the Forum engagement.



DR. BOB ARNOT

Agawam Community Artists Schedule Annual Art Show

The Agawam Community Artists will hold their annual art show on Friday, October 30th, at the Agawam Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam.

Various ongoing demonstrations will be presented throughout Friday night's opening reception from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Demonstrating artists will include John Wiley (watercolors), Barbara Cohen (pastels), Alexandra Walters (colored pencils), and Helene Gates (decorative arts).

Please join us during this year's show. Come to meet some of the 20 talented local artists represented and enjoy their beautiful works.

The exhibit will continue on Saturday, October 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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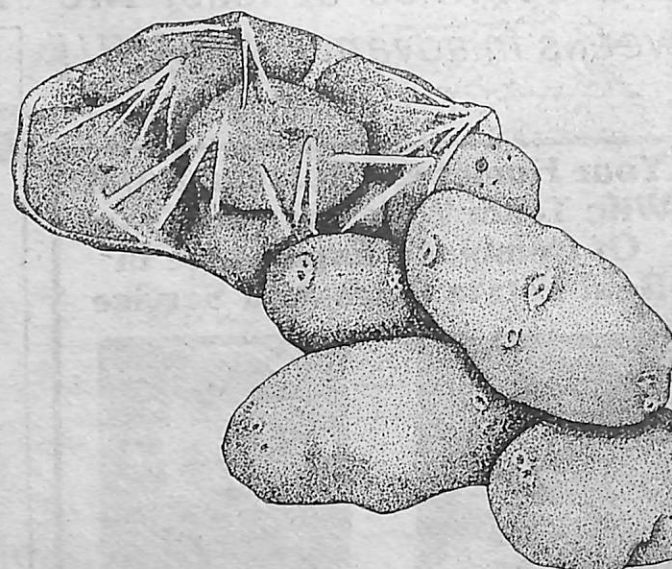
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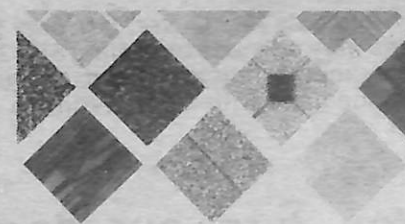
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“Oliver” To Be Performed In Nov. At Agawam High

For the first time in a number of years, a musical will be performed on the Agawam High School auditorium stage. The Broadway musical “Oliver” by Lionel Bart will be presented on Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, November 22nd, at 2:00 p.m.

Steve Files, choral music director at AHS, has engaged the services of Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora of STAGE Productions to direct the 75-member cast. Pearsons and Secora are well-known to area audiences for their work with local theatre groups and at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, where they direct and co-produce STAGE Young People's Drama Camps and The Hilltop Players' Family Theatre.

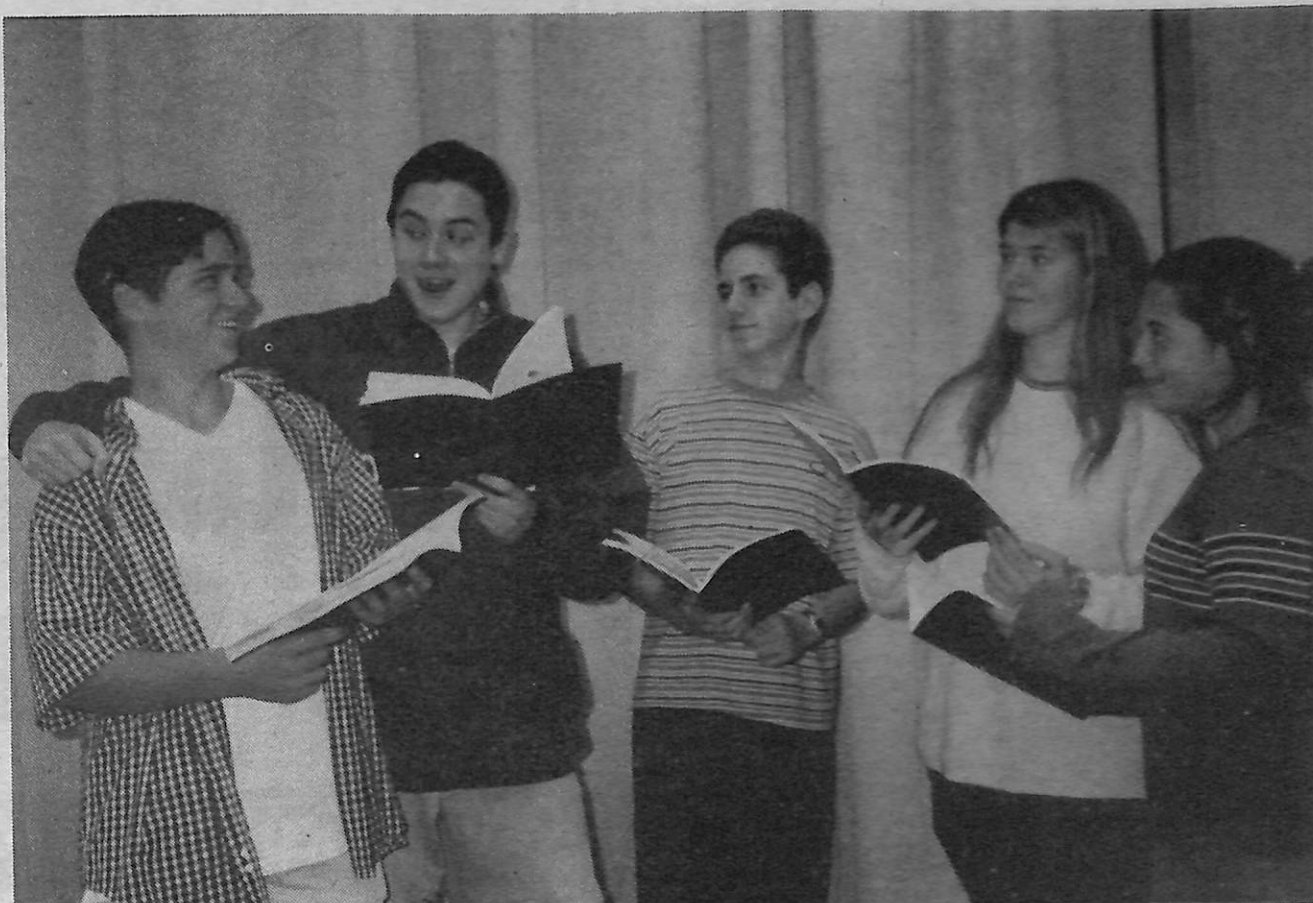
Rehearsal are underway in the newly-furnished high school auditorium with students from Mr. Files' third- and fourth-period chorus classes, who have been working together on such well-known “Oliver” numbers as “Food, Glorious Food,” “Consider Yourself,” and “Who Will Buy?”

Led by the talents of Jay Yarymowicz as Oliver, Justin Bushey as Fagin, Matt Couture as Dodger, Mike O'Connor as Sikes, and Diane Griffin as Nancy, the cast is excited about this new endeavor and hopes the community will come out and support their effort.

All tickets for “Oliver” are only \$5, and reservations may be made by calling 562-3366. Don't miss this exciting musical event produced by special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

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You turn our pages each and every week for all the school-related news...



CAST MEMBERS Justin Bushey, Matt Couture, Diane Griffin, and Robin Przybyla try to convince Jay Yarymowicz (Oliver) to “consider himself” one of the family in Agawam High School's musical production of “Oliver,” which will be performed November 20th, 21st, and 22nd. For tickets, call 562-3366.

Junior High PTO To Meet On October 26th

The Agawam Junior High School PTO will hold its next meeting on Monday, October 26th, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All interested parents and teachers are invited to attend. (Subsequent meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month.)

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Abe Kasparian's Qualifications:

- Former Hampden County Commissioner, elected by voters in 1996.
- B.S. Westfield State College - Criminal Justice; M.Ed., Cambridge College - Business Administration.
- Massachusetts Licensed Real Estate Broker.
- Born in Pittsfield, Berkshire County, November 1953; a long-time resident of Hampden County; and 20-year resident of Agawam.
- Past chair of Agawam Industrial Financial Development Authority, Honorary Hampden County Deputy Sheriff, Notary Public, and former Corporate Director of WESTMASS Area Development Corp.

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Agawam And Feeding Hills Students Named To Spring 1998 Dean's List At WNEC

Western New England College has named the following students to the Dean's List for the 1998 Spring Semester:

From Agawam:

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From Feeding Hills:

Lynn C. Binder, Mark W. Brittain, Sarah J. Cote, Justin M. Malek, Riccardo A. Panaia, Kimberly L.

Ridel, Jeffrey M. Rousseau, Sean C. Szczygiel, Innessa V. York, and Todd R. Zern.

Western New England College, founded in 1919, is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution located on an attractive 185-acre suburban campus in Springfield.

The college serves its 4,600 students on its Springfield main campus, at more than 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth, and at its Downtown Springfield campus.

Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.



CLARK SCHOOL SECRETARY Barbara Root (left) and third grade teacher Nancy Swikalus with the canister that's used for donations on "Dress Down for Charity Day."

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Dressing Down" At Clark School Benefits Charities

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It used to be a pretty sure bet that a teacher dressed in sneakers and a sweatsuit probably spent the better part of the school day teaching physical education classes in the gym.

But not any more. At least not on Fridays at James Clark School where sweats and sneakers, jeans, and t-shirts have become the unofficial uniform of the day for staffers from the front office to the classroom teachers.

Taking a cue from the corporate world, staff members decided three years ago to sponsor a "Dress Down for Charity Day" each week for the benefit of a different local charity each month. Since the program began, the school has helped more than a dozen area agencies and civic organizations including the Heart Fund, Toy for Joy, Make A Wish Foundation, and the Agawam Junior Women's Club's Annual Holiday Basket Project.

Third grade teacher Nancy Swikalus coordinates the project and chooses the monthly beneficiary with the help of suggestions from the staff. Usually, the charities are chosen for their work with children and young people. Often, charities are suggested as a result of a staff member's or a student's involvement with the group.

Dedicated To Griffin's Friends

Last month, the fund was dedicated to Griffin's Friends, a group of volunteers helping children and parents cope with treatment for childhood cancer at Baystate Medical Center. This month, the Pioneer Valley-USO at Westover will be the recipient. Both charities have ties to school staff members, Mrs. Swikalus said.

"We get great ideas from the staff and we've been able to donate close to \$100 each month," Mrs. Swikalus said. "We have a great response from the staff. We have dress down on the last day of the week and everybody feels more relaxed in the sneakers and jeans after a busy week. It's something we look forward to."

At first, seeing their teachers dressed in casual clothes was a novelty for the students. But now it's a familiar sight each week and the children understand that the teachers are making donations to local causes for the privilege of dressing down (and some youngsters are chipping in with their teachers for a good cause).

Each week, school secretary Barbara Root puts out a donation canister and a sign identifying the monthly charity for the teachers and staff members to toss in their weekly donations.

"We do get some kids who come down with donations and they like doing that," Mrs. Root said. "The staff likes it because it gives us the chance to be in a more relaxed atmosphere and we've raised a lot of money for many different charities."

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ERIK J. SUNNY

Erik J. Sunny Of AHS Named A 1999 Commended Student

Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski has announced that student Erik J. Sunny has been named a Commended Student in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Some 34,500 Commended Students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than one-million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

A Merit Program spokesman commented, "Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation. The young men and women named Commended Students are honored for their outstanding scholastic potential demonstrated by their high performance in the very competitive Merit Program."

"We hope the recognition received by these able students will encourage them to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to diligently pursue their educational goals. The nation will benefit from the full development of this valuable intellectual resource."

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, October 26th: Steamed frankfurts in roll, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, oven potato rounds, catsup, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday, October 27th: Cheeseburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, green beans, fresh Mac apple or chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday, October 28th: Cheese ravioli in tomato sauce, Italian bread & butter, seasoned broccoli cuts, peaches or raspberry jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, October 29th: Oven-baked chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, diced carrots, bread & butter, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, October 30th: Grilled cheese sandwich, oven French fries, rosy applesauce, Halloween cake with icing, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

Guidance News

Some Thoughts From Judy Cohen

Warnings...

Yes, it's that time of year again when you hear the door quietly close, followed by the sound of feet quickly going up the stairs. Or, your youngster comes home, greets you with a weird smile, and is exceptionally nice to you!

Yup, it's warning time.

Warnings! Just the word sends chills through a parent. He must be failing. What did we do wrong? Will he ever graduate? Well, take a deep breath. The sky is not falling and Billy still has the chance of doing very well.

First, elicit from your child the warnings. If they are not forthcoming and you feel they should be, please call your child's school. Counselors will be able to access them for you. Next, have a talk with your youngster... a talk, not a screaming match. As soon as you start screaming, your child will stop hearing you. It's amazing, but the louder you speak, the less that is heard.

Find out the reasons behind the warnings. Listen carefully, but realize, too, that you are just getting one side of the story, a side that will try to exonerate your son/daughter. Don't waste your breath saying, "Unless you shape up, you'll never get into college, you'll never graduate from high school; you'll stay back!"

He/she knows that. Instead, simply inform your youngster that there will be a supervised homework time when phone calls will not be accepted, radios will not be blared, and televisions will not be watched.

Ask your child to keep an assignment book. Each night, check to make sure that all assignments are being done. If your child has difficulty doing them, you will know and can call the school to find an appropriate tutor.

Call the school to set up progress reports. Relate to your brooding youngster that these reports are not a punishment; rather, they will let you both know what is happening in class. When they are all good, they will be stopped. If you wish, you may also set up appointments with the teachers. Make sure your child is present at the appointments. After all, it is about him/her. It's amazing, but with the student and teacher present, a really true picture of the difficulty emerges.

By taking an active role in dealing with your child's warnings, you are sending him/her the message that you really care. You are saying, in effect, "Together, we will deal with this. I am here to help you."

And we, as counselors, are here to help you, too. So, do call us.

Cub Scout Pack 75 Still Seeking New Members

In recent Scouting news, Cub Scout Pack 75 (sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills) held a registration night on Thursday, October 15th, at the Agawam Middle School. What's more, a Pack meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st (presstime), at the Sacred Heart Social Center; at this time, the Dens were to meet together for awards (if they earned them).

As you can see, Cub Scout Pack 75 is very active. The Pack is comprised of the following levels:

- * First grade: Tiger Cubs (they join with an adult partner).
- * Second grade: Bobcat and Wolf.
- * Third grade: Bear.
- * Fourth grade: first-year Webelos.
- * Fifth grade: second-year Webelos.

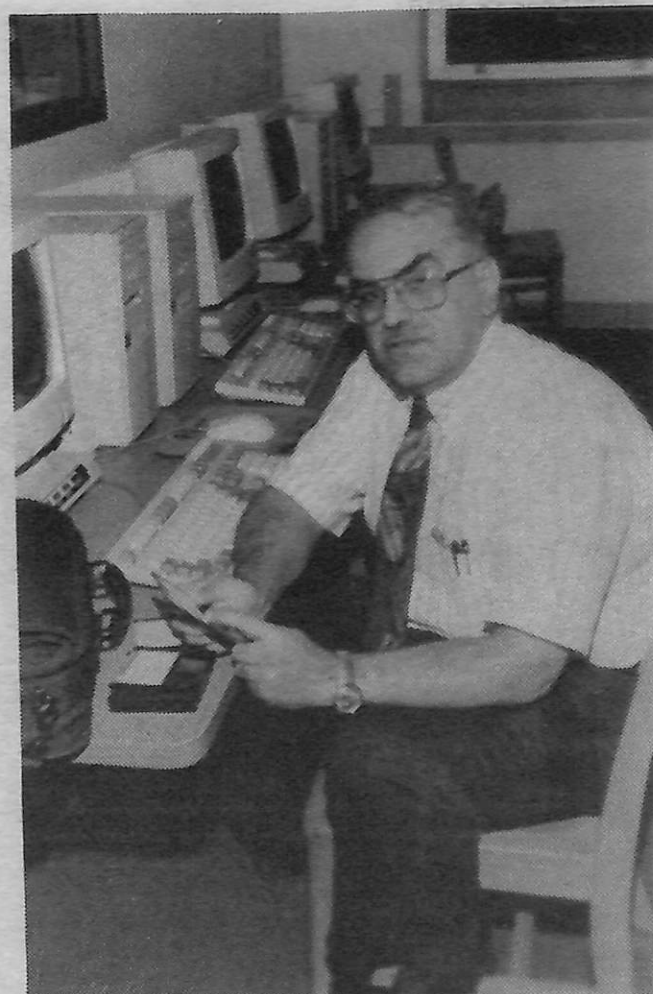
If you son is interested in Cub Scouting, please call 786-2309. If there is no answer, by all means leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

'Parents Anonymous' Is Open To The Public

Parents Anonymous (PA) is a free and confidential support group for parents who would like their relationship with their children to be less stressful. At PA, parents have an opportunity to talk with others who may be having the same problems and fears and learn to deal with the stress of parenting in ways that are healthier and happier for the entire family.

Parents are welcome to join at any time and there are no fees or dues. Free child care is provided, and local groups meet in Westfield.

If you are interested in joining this special group, please call the Western Massachusetts Regional Coordinator at 731-5051.



ALBERT BAGGETTA

Albert Baggetta Earns Award From Software Council

At its recently held fall membership meeting at the Marriott Hotel in Newton, MA, the Massachusetts Software Council presented its second annual "Above and Beyond" awards, which honor individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in the advancement of the use of technology in Massachusetts schools K-12.

Among the educators and volunteers who were recognized by the council was Albert Baggetta, an English teacher at Agawam High School. Baggetta continually champions the use of new technologies for educational purposes, from writing interactive computer programs that inspire students to read, to introducing teachers to new ways of using technology in the classroom.

Because of his efforts in enhancing education through technology, Agawam High School was awarded \$1,000 from the council.

The Massachusetts Software Council was founded in 1985 to promote the Massachusetts software industry and to help companies compete successfully in global markets. Currently there are more than 600 member companies.

The council organizes more than 60 meetings a year on the business aspects of managing a software company; it conducts research on compensation and business practices; and it represents the software industry on technology-related public policy issues.

The council has also been a leader in helping the technology industry play a role in public service by sponsoring two nationally recognized programs. The Software Council Fellowship Program re-trains professionals for jobs in the software industry. The Massachusetts Tech Corps recruits professionals from technology-related industries to share their knowledge, skills, time, and enthusiasm with schools (K-12) throughout the Commonwealth.

Additional information about the Massachusetts Software Council can be found at www.sw-council.org.

'Pumpkin Night' Slated For October 29th At Agawam High

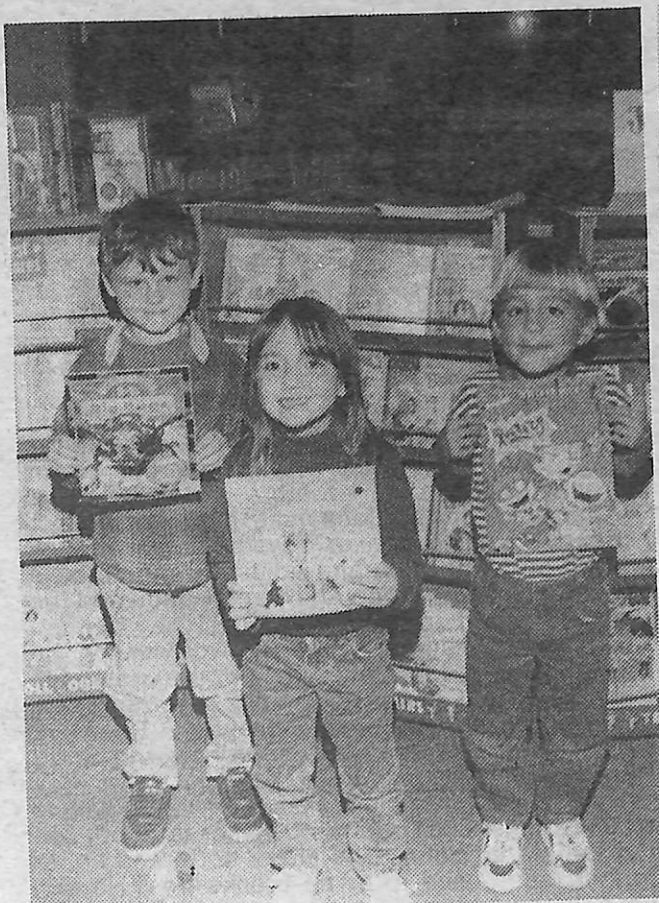
The Agawam High School Band will sponsor "Pumpkin Night" on Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Come see the PUMPKIN PATCH at the Agawam High School and be ready for a little spook. Kids and adults will have a great time. There will be face painting, a haunted hay field, and more Jack-O-Lanterns than you could believe.

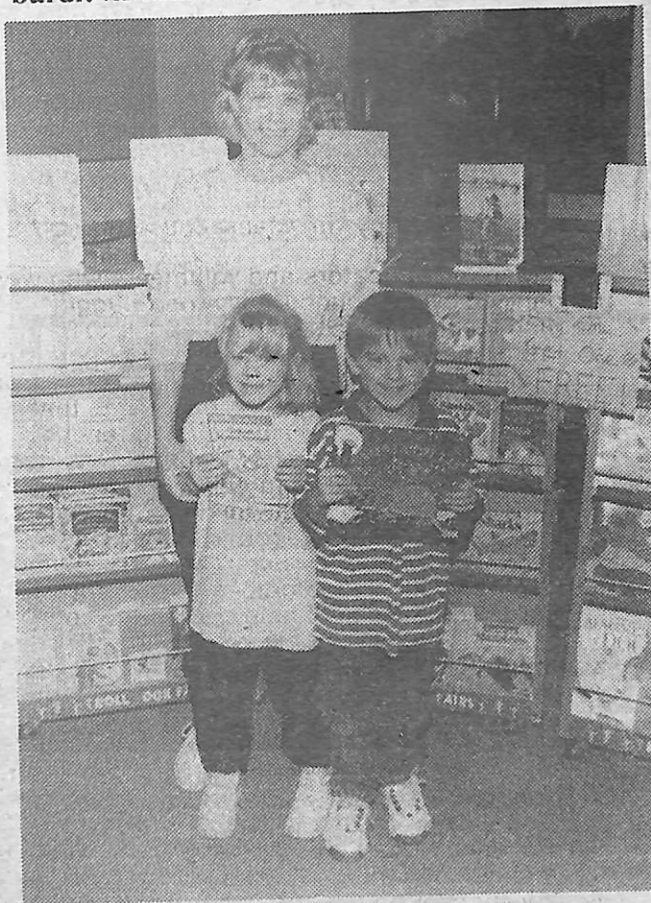
It is only \$2 for an adult and \$1 for a student to enter the pumpkin patch and the hay field. For the face painting, donations will be collected. There will also be refreshments available.

Hope to see you there!

Clark's Book Fair...



AT THE RECENTLY HELD book fair at Clark Elementary School: in photo above - Conor Rieker, Alyssa Rossi, and Matthew Stelma; in photo below - Leslie McNair (in back), Alyssa McNair, and Christopher Lombardi. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



'Intergenerational Dance' To Be Held Once Again At AHS

The Agawam High School Department of Visual and Performing Arts is presenting a dance at Agawam High School on Tuesday, November 10th. This event is the **second annual "Intergenerational Dance"** and will be held in the High School cafeteria from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

The dance will feature music from the 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. Highlights will include "Pennsylvania 6500," "In the Mood," "Take the A Train," Chicago songs, Stevie Wonder tunes, the Charleston, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," Disco songs, 50's rock & roll, Dave Matthews tunes, and New Age music. Refreshments will be available.

Any community member is welcome to join in and play with the band. Dance instructors will be available to lead dances from each era. Dancers are strongly encouraged to wear period clothing to the event. Admission is \$2 and donations will also be collected for contributions to the Open Pantry.

For more information about the event or to sign-up to perform with the band, contact Arts Coordinator Frances Messina or Tamara Watson at 789-4488.

AHS's Junior Class Conducts Car Wash...



LAST MONTH, members of the junior class at Agawam High School (class of 2000) held a fundraising car wash in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bay Path College To Host Alumnae/i Homecoming On October 23rd And 24th

Bay Path College will host its Alumnae/i Homecoming and Family and Friends Weekend on October 24th and 25th. In addition to a variety of combined and individual activities for the college's alumnae/i body and its current students and their families and friends, there will be dedication ceremonies for three new facilities on the campus.

On Saturday, October 24th, at 11:15 a.m., the vestibule adjacent to the new elevator in the main classroom building, Carr Hall, will be dedicated. The facility was made possible by a generous gift from Bay Path Institute alumna Rita McInnis-Graham, Class of '42, of Springfield, in memory of her parents, Frank and Alethea McInnis, and her husband, Harry G. Graham.

Immediately following will be the dedication of the new biology laboratory, also in Carr Hall, in honor of 12-year Bay Path trustee, Allen R. Goulet of Mystic, Connecticut. A retired senior scientist from Pfizer Inc., Goulet has been an active supporter of the college since his daughter, Yvette, Class of '84, was a student at Bay Path.

Bay Path's new jogging/walking path, which surrounds the new athletic playing fields on property known as the college's South Campus on Farmlea Road, Longmeadow, will be dedicated on Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

The path will be dedicated in memory of Julia and Raymond Strole, former long-time owners of the property, and is the gift of their children, Angie Strole McGinnis, a former Longmeadow assistant town clerk, and her brothers, Raymond and Peter. All three will return to their hometown from respective homes in Oregon, Virginia, and Kentucky.

Immediately following will be a home soccer game on the fields, with the Bay Path College Wildcats facing the team from Johnson & Wales College.

Among other weekend activities is a juried art and craft show that is also open to the public. Centered around Catok Art Center and its adjacent parking area on the upper campus, the third annual show will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24th.

The following is a detailed schedule of Bay Path's 1998 homecoming weekend:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

Day-Long Events

- 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.: Juried Art & Craft Show - Catok Art Center and adjacent parking area.
- 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.: College store, "Pot-pourri," open - Blake Student Center, Lower Level.
- 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.: Campus Organizations and

Activities Tables - Blake Student Center, Lower Level.

Other Saturday Activities

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.: Faculty & Alumnae/i Reception hosted by Class of 1948 - Breck Suite, Wright Hall.

11:15 to 11:45 a.m.: Dedication of Elevator Lobby and Biology Laboratory - Carr Hall.

12:00 noon to 1:45 p.m.: Alumnae/i Homecoming Luncheon hosted by Class of 1988 - Recognition of 1998 winners of Bay Path Civic, Service, Achievement, Carpe Diem, President's, and Young Alumna awards - Blake Student Center Dining Room.

2:00 to 2:30 p.m.: Dedication of Jogging/Walking Path - South Campus, Farmlea Road.

2:30 p.m.: Home Soccer Game - Bay Path vs Johnson & Wales - South Campus, Farmlea Road.

3:00 to 4:15 p.m.: Panel Presentation: "Health Care for the 21st Century" - Mills Theatre, Carr Hall.

4:15 to 5:15 p.m.: Students, Families & Friends Reception with Faculty - Carr Hall Foyer and Room 202.

5:00 to 5:45 p.m.: Tours of new Science and Computer Labs - Carr and Glen Halls.

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.: Alumnae/i Reunion Social Time & Dinner hosted by Class of 1973 - Breck Suite, Wright Hall.

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: "80's Extravaganza" Theme Dinner* with students, families and friends hosted by Family and Friends Weekend Committee - Blake Student Center Dining Room.

8:00 to 11:00 p.m.: "80's Extravaganza" Theme Dance* with students, families and friends hosted by Family and Friends Weekend Committee** - Blake Student Center Dining Room.

(* Alumnae/i may choose to attend these events rather than the Alumnae/i Dinner.)

(** Attendees will be encouraged to wear dress of the decade, recalling the "preppy," "big hair," and "Madonna" looks of the 80's, and a deejay specializing in the 80's sound will provide music [previous dances have highlighted the 50's and 70's, as well as a country western motif]. New this year will be an auction at the end of the evening to benefit the Student Government Scholarship Fund.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

9:30 to 11:00 a.m.: Alumnae/i Champagne Brunch at the President's House - Empsall Hall.

11:00 to 11:30 a.m.: Alumnae/i Tours of Longmeadow House, Bay Path's guest house - next to Empsall Hall.

11:00 to 12:15 p.m.: Students, Families and Friends Brunch - Blake Student Center Dining Room.

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Sports

Holyoke Over AHS, 37-26...

Knights Wreck Brownies On The Ground

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The two teams had a plan when Agawam High traveled up I-91 North to play Holyoke High last Friday night. For the Purple Knights, it was a passing game. For Agawam, it was an opportunity to go against a Western Mass. power by running the ball right at them. What happened was a 37-26 Holyoke win that proved once again even the best-laid plans can go south in a hurry.

Agawam ran. Junior quarterback Brian St. Jean lugged the leather 11 times for 165 yards and two touchdowns. St. Jean has speed and an instinct to get outside. He is the perfect option quarterback.

"Yeah, I want to get him more involved in the offense because he has talent as a runner," Coach Dean Vecchiarelli revealed during training camp.

St. Jean, along with another Brian (Gallagher), combined for four touchdowns and over 200 yards on the ground. But that game plan wasn't quite enough.

Holyoke, who wanted to pass, decided for a ground assault when it found itself down, 13-0 after the first quarter. So the Paper City team turned loose their All-Western Mass. running back, Marcus Humber, and threw in Keimy Rodriguez for good measure. They combined for almost 300 yards and four touchdowns. (Humber had three for a season total of six.)

"We knew the pass wasn't going to make it for this one," Holyoke Coach Ray Mitchell admitted. The Knights' change of plans, however, did work.

Agawam came out of the chute like someone had doused its team members' tails with pepper spray. St. Jean's first effort, a pass to Dave Moore, was incomplete. So, he went overland with his second attempt. The 5'11" St. Jean went around left end for 67 yards and a score with 12 seconds gone. He was aided by some exceptional blocking, especially by wideout Jason Daigneau, who buried his man and sprung St. Jean.

The Next Touchdown For The Brownies...

Agawam's next touchdown came with 4:01 left in the quarter and the chains showing third and goal at the Knights' seven. Gallagher rumbled over left tackle to record his sixth touchdown of the season. At that point, Mitchell admitted it was time for Plan B.

Rodriguez, a slashing brute of 205-pounds who stands 5'8", was a perfect complement to Humber. He scored on a 20-yard run. Humber contributed with a one-yard plunge. The teams went into the lockerroom with Agawam one short at 14-13.

The Knights shut Agawam down in the third quarter while scoring on a five-yard run by Cleveland Borden. St. Jean, again running the option, scored on a 53-yard sprint in the fourth quarter. A Holyoke field goal just before that saw Agawam down, 21-13. Humber would get another score in the fourth. Gallagher would get one back to bring his season total to seven as opposed to Humber's six. It was Holyoke's fourth win in five games (2-0 AA). The Brownies went to 2-3 (1-2 AA).

"They just ran it down our throats in the end," Vecchiarelli admitted.

Agawam Football Vs South Hadley - Preview...

Tigers Of South Hadley Will Give AHS Tough Test Friday

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High football team finished its first half of the season at 2-3.

Now, for what it is worth, they'll play their next four at home. With some luck, it just might be a good home stand. On Friday night (October 23rd), they will get a test from South Hadley High. The Tigers will come to Harmon Smith Field with a 2-3 record and a 2-1 slate in the Suburban League. Last year, Agawam lost to them at their place — 36-29.

South Hadley has, arguably, the best quarterback in Western Mass. — junior Robbie Adams (6', 170 pounds). He started out the year going 20-30 for 230 yards and three touchdowns in a 22-12 win over Minnechaug Regional. He was 14-32 last Friday night (with 2 TD's) in a 26-20 loss to Amherst Regional.

In five games, he has thrown for over 800 yards and six scores. And it isn't done there. He has a running back to complement him — senior Adam Baker (5'7", 165 pounds), who has over 600 yards on 100 carries and four TD's on the ground. That means a double threat. Then add wide receiver Rob Adams (who has caught three TD passes and has receptions totaling 300 yards), and SHS has weapons at its disposal.

South Hadley has a problem, though — they are not that big. Their offensive and defensive lines average only 180 pounds. Their offensive line is well-coached to offset their size and may be the best pass protectors in the area. They are anchored by center Dan Kokonowski, guards Caleb Machek and Eric Cloutier, and tackles Ben Harber

and Cory Langlois.

Jeff Bourque (three TD's caught) and Garret Sliveria (one caught, but an excellent blocker in the open field) are the targets.

South Hadley's "Conservative" Defense...

South Hadley is conservative on defense. They let you come at them and adjust. It should be a good match-up between Agawam's option and the Tigers' stay-at-home style.

If Agawam cannot penetrate (whether by the blitz or stunts or some imaginative defense), Adams will eat them up, despite Agawam's excellent group of defensive backs — Brian St. Jean, Jason Daigneau, Ryan Drobot, and Scott Harlin.

If Adams opts for play fakes, Agawam will have to use tremendous restraint. Baker is good, but not really that quick. The kid, a north and south runner, has speed after he breaks free. He will have to be stopped at the line of scrimmage. Agawam's linebackers don't want to deal with him, especially as banged up as they are.

The teams have had two common opponents, Minnechaug and Comp. Agawam lost to the Falcons at home, 27-13. They beat Comp. on the road, 32-14. The Tigers took Minnechaug, 22-12, and lost to Comp, 21-12.

Comp. beat South Hadley because it decided to use the rush and they played bump-and-run on almost every play. Adams went 5-20 and only 102 yards, most of them of no consequence. Agawam will have to be aggressive against this type of team to get a win.

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Tough-As-Nails Brian Gallagher Proves His Leadership Value For AHS Football

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Usually, we don't give our coach's comments until the end of a profile. But we'll make an exception with this one on Agawam High's Brian Gallagher.

"Brian plays better injured than most kids I've met play when they're healthy."

Those were the words of Agawam High football Coach Dean Vecchiarelli.

He wasn't putting down his team by any means. He was talking about the courage of the senior running back. That's why Brian was named one of the captains this year - because of guts. "I said when they named me as captain that I wasn't going to give any big speeches in the locker room. That's not my style. I hope my play on the field does the talking for me," Brian said.

"He has so much courage. Brian shouldn't even be playing now," Vecchiarelli added.

You see, the senior running back has a dislocated left shoulder. We guess it might not seem like a big deal - he could sit down. But he won't. He runs with the football and on defense, as an All-Western Mass. linebacker, runs down running backs.

Leads By Example

"It has to hurt him so much," Agawam High trainer Dave Stratton has said on more than one occasion. But Brian gets strapped up and goes out there. That's the bottom line about Brian Gallagher. His leadership is, indeed, by example. There are no verbal speeches needed. He shows the way for an entire ballgame, in front of not only the team, but the faithful. Brian shuts up and puts up. "He is an ultimate leader," Vecchiarelli said.

Brian is 18 years-old. His birthday was back on July 27th. He is a legitimate 6'1", 230-pounder. He is also a legitimate runner and defender. He has been at AHS for all four years of his secondary education. "Brian has been with us for three years, all as a starter. Two years ago, he blocked for Jeff Blews during Jeff's 1,000-yard season," Vecchiarelli noted.

Last year, Brian ran for 929 yards and 12 scores. If he hadn't been injured in the final game against

West Springfield on Thanksgiving Day, he would have had 1,000 yards, probably more touchdowns, and perhaps a berth on the All-Western Mass. offensive team (as well as the defensive squad).

Brian is taking a basic curriculum at AHS. His favorite course is practical law. He likes all his teachers.

For the moment, Brian has no plans to attend college. He is headed for a prep school to get his marks up, and Wilbraham-Monson Academy is a choice. But wherever he goes, it will be a plus for the school that chooses him.

"He is a legitimate I-A player when he gets to college," Vecchiarelli said.

Brian only plays football for Agawam. He was a force as a sophomore in basketball. But that is over. "My most memorable sports moment was last year against Chicopee Comp. We were down at our place, 16-0, and we came back to tie it at 16-all. I made those two scores."

Agawam will be home for the next four games. "That home field advantage will help us. We have had some good players hurt by injuries, including Eric Pederson with a bad thumb, Marc Pedraza (tri-Captain) with an ankle, Tom Sexton with a wrist, and Brian (St. Jean) with a wrist, and that has hurt us in many games."

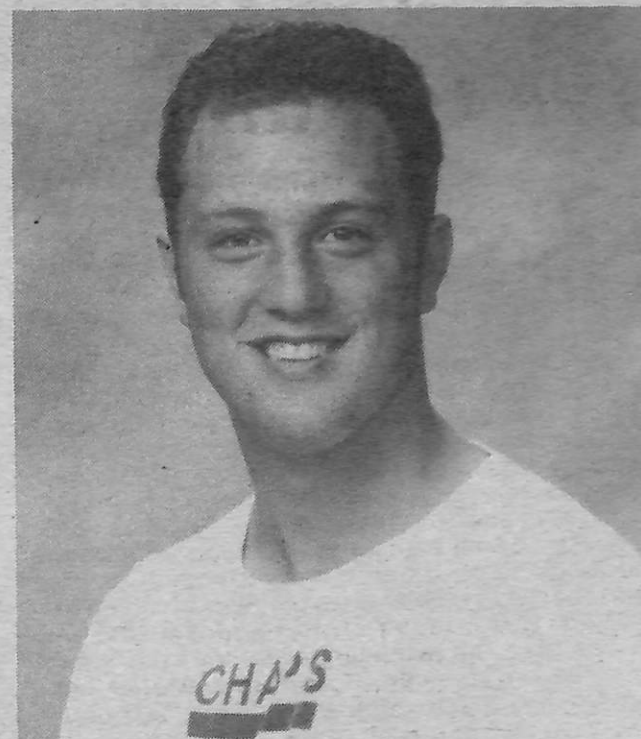
Brian's favorite food is Hungarian goulash. "It's a German recipe. My dad's mom makes it."

Brian was a little hesitant about his favorite color. "It's blue, the same as West Side's. We have such a great rivalry against them that I'm a little embarrassed by admitting that."

His top car is a Jeep Wrangler. His top jock is the great All-American junior linebacker from Ohio State, Andy Katzenmoyer. Notre Dame is his top team.

Brian will hang out anywhere. "If it is with my friends, it is o.k." His top duds are a t-shirt and jeans. Music for Brian runs to classical rock. "I listen to Rock 102."

His top TV show is "Fresh Prince of Bel Air" or HBO's "Inside the NFL." His top flick is "Top Gun."



AGAWAM HIGH'S All-Western Mass. football player Brian Gallagher.

His mom's name is Mary-Ellen. Mike is his dad. He has a sister, Katie, who is a swimmer for the Agawam High varsity.

Brian looks up to his dad. "My dad has been through it all. He knows everything. He knows the ropes."

Brian would like to be remembered at AHS as someone who never gave up. "That's all. That is all I have to say."

It was obvious Brian Gallagher had more to say. But he was going to do it on the field.

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Dupelle & Donnerhack Spark AHS To 1-1 Deadlock Vs Strong ELM

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the first time in a while, the Agawam High field hockey team got to play in the stadium at Harmon Smith Field. They rewarded their fans who showed up with a 1-1 tie against a strong East Longmeadow High side. The Spartans came in with a record of 5-6-1 and a second-place berth in the Southern Division. Agawam, struggling this year, was 2-6-3 in that same division.

The Brownies got the tie behind their defense, which was led by junior keeper Mary Elizabeth Dupelle. She was helped out by Eva Donnerhack and Tara Fleming. Those two, along with Gina Cellilli and co-captain Heather Hughes, came out like the earth was on fire and they had been hired to put it out.

East Longmeadow was tough. They came right back after the initial Brownie rush and ran into that defense. Danielle DeForge, Sarah Prussman, and Donnerhack, an AFS exchange student from Germany who had a career game on defense, led the stoppers.

ELM was attacking the right wing at 14:09. AHS co-captain Sarah Latif, sophomore Jen Pietroniro, and junior forward Jen Harvey stepped up. The Spartans had a great scoring opportunity with 9:50 left. Dupelle was up to the challenge. The junior kicked the ball out of harm's way. She had 14 saves on 15 shots. It was perhaps the best game of her career.

A Physical Game Throughout

This one was a fight. You aren't supposed to hit people in field hockey. But both teams were physical throughout. There were no cheap shots, so the officials let them play. Agawam got its goal

from Donnerhack with six minutes left in the first half. Donnerhack let loose on a blast from 40 feet out in the left zone for her unassisted score.

Agawam was right back at it behind Patty Zerra and Cellilli when time ran out in the half. It was 1-0, Brownies, at intermission. They had two shots on goal. ELM came in with six.

East Longmeadow must have gotten a big-time lecture at the half, because they came out of the box like a scared cat. At the 27:53 mark, both teams battled in front of the Agawam net. Dupelle was kicking at balls like she was trying to stomp out a grassfire. Sarah Nacewicz, Amanda Sternowski, and DeForge were into it in the crease. You seldom see such a war in field hockey.

ELM, because it was hunting for a playoff berth, scored with 13:40 to play in the half. It came after more physical play. Dupelle made the initial save. She came out into the fray and tipped the ball away. A perfectly executed pass by Amy Bertrand off the rebound saw the ball on Erica Rugani's stick. She slapped it home to tie things up at 1-all.

Doesn't Get Any Better

It would stay that way until the end. Dupelle showed how good she is with 6:41 left. ELM had a clear penalty shot. Agawam was called for purposefully covering the ball in the crease and ELM was handed a golden opportunity to score. Bertrand took the open shot. Dupelle made the save. It would not, in this game, get any better.

It ended with a Spartan shot going off the Agawam right post with 31 seconds left.

Agawam Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner had this to say: "They passed so well. We played one of our best games. This was a good point for us."



AGAWAM HIGH field hockey Coach Carla Lemnah-Warner and her two 1998 captains, Heather Hughes (left) and Sarah Latif. Advertiser

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Dominating First Half Fizzles For AHS Girls As Palmer Rallies For 3-3 Tie

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team has been playing pretty decent soccer as of late. They've gone 3-3-1 in their last seven games and defeated East Longmeadow, 1-0, at cold EL High School last Friday night.

Before Monday afternoon's windblown contest against Palmer High, they needed only five more points in their final five games to make the playoffs. Palmer, a Division II power (rated second in Western Mass.), came to Harmon Smith Field and left with a 3-3 tie and a tournament berth.

It was not supposed to happen that way, at least not for the Brownies. This was figured as a win situation. Brownie Coach Mary Murray, who read her kids the riot act when it was over, put everything into perspective.

"Because someone says you are in Division II doesn't mean you are less a team. Palmer might be Division II on paper, but they are as good a club as you can play. They proved it, coming back the way they did."

Indeed, Agawam came out in this one like a win and the two points tacked onto it were the Holy Grail. With barely a minute gone, the Brownies were on the attack behind fullback Kerry McGeoghan (back from a severe ankle sprain), halfback Jen Lyman, and fullback Amanda Merola, all giving AHS a good push upfield. And they kept it up as halfback Amanda Tilden played some aggressive soccer on the left side at 36:20.

Palmer Up To The Challenge

Palmer, which impressed everyone with their size and athleticism, was up to the challenge. They came back with 16 minutes gone and got a shot off on the Brownie net. Sophomore keeper Laura Bucalo, playing tough as usual, made the save. Agawam wasn't impressed at that point. Tilden and Lyman brought them back. Both clubs battled at midfield until Lyman, always looking for the shooting lane, found one with 14:10 left in the half.

A rebound came out to her, on the right side, 25 yards from the goal. She booted it high and true into the upper left-hand corner of the net. Sweeper Sheri Benton got the assist.

The Brownies weren't done. Off some good passing, they mounted another threat at 8:58. The initial shot hit the right post and bounced back into play. Courtney Adamczyk gathered it up, spun on her defender, and hit from 30 feet out. Junior Gina Loudfoot was credited with the assist.

With 2:30 left in the half, Palmer had a shot on an open Agawam net. Had the ball been on, even Shaq O'Neil couldn't have stopped it. But it sailed over the crossbar and into the leaves. So, the Brownies, as they'd done after every Palmer threat, stormed back. Speedy Marie Buendo scored with 1:44 on a breakaway from 20 yards out on the right side after a bad defensive mistake by one of Palmer's fullbacks handed her the ball.

Locals Take 3-0 Halftime Lead

Palmer seemed to have a score on a corner kick with 57 seconds left. But the officials would not let it stand. Agawam went into halftime with a 3-0 lead. The Brownies had six shots on goal as opposed to Palmer's three for the first 40 minutes.

It didn't take long for Palmer, the Grieve Division leaders, to take care of business in the second half. Murray put it best: "We let their best scorer score. It was that simple. It was what we were not going to do."

Liane Muise scored all three of Palmer's second-half goals. She is the premier goal-getter (10) in her division and it was a clinic watching Muise work. The first came with just 30 seconds gone and the tone for what was to come was set.

She turned on a crossing pass from 30 feet out on the left and made it 3-1, Agawam.

At the 31:33 mark, she was there again on a 30-yard shot from the right wing, thus cutting the margin to 3-2, Brownies. Muise had a big-time

shot on Bucalo at 23:20. The sophomore denied the senior with a one-hop save that looked like Cal Ripken snagging a hard grounder.

It had become all Palmer with just under 17 minutes to play. Muise had an indirect kick. She knocked it home to tie things at three.

Agawam, to its credit, didn't go belly up and adding to their point total probably looked pretty good to them.

Lyman and Jill Gendron led a charge. Adamczyk and Tilden kept things going. Tilden had a dead-on shot from outside right with 5:55 to go. Panther goalie Jaimie Powers went parallel and knocked the shot down.

Brownies Continue To Attack

Agawam continued to attack. Palmer, realizing it had the playoff berth sewn up with the tie, sank back into a defensive mode. It was obvious they'd worked too hard for this one to let it slip away by taking any unnecessary risks. The game ended with Ann Paquette, Tilden, and others storming the opposition's net. Agawam had five second-half shots for a game total of 11. The Panthers had seven for a total of 10.

BROWNIE NOTES: Agawam's next game, a day later, would be on the road against Comp. "We are supposed to be, on paper at least, better than they are," Murray noted, then added, "But who knows? You can't scout everybody."

Agawam's record went to 5-5-4. Palmer's soared to 8-2-2.

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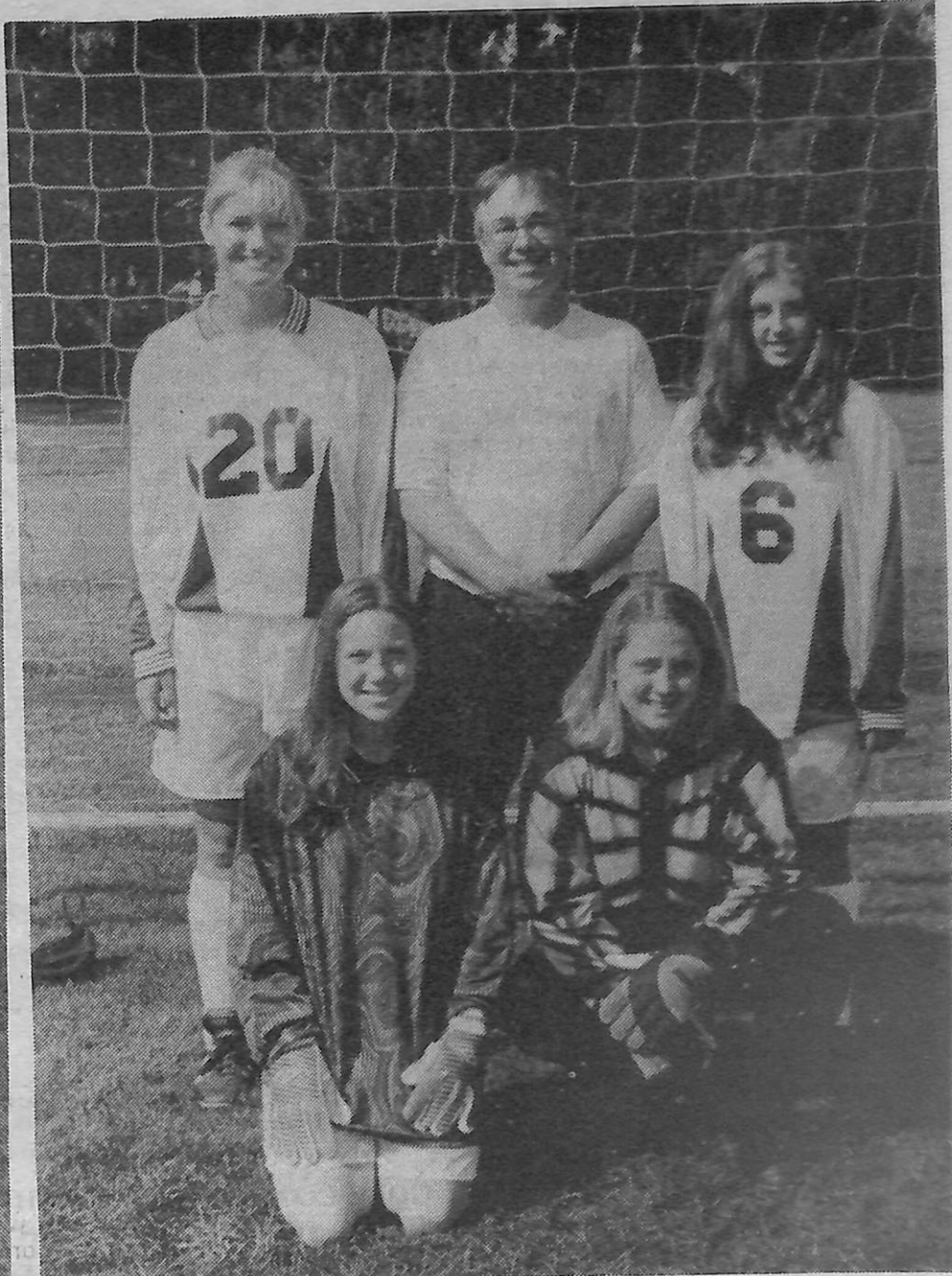


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AHS JV Field Hockey & Frosh Soccer Captains



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL junior varsity field hockey captains for 1998 include, from left - Tara Feeley, Jen Bishop, Coach Beth Schroeder, and Corrie Butova. IN PHOTO RIGHT, freshman girls' soccer Coach Mike Dobise and his captains - Lucy Young and Rachel Caruso (back row) and Elizabeth Perry and Melissa Jubinville. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Catholic University's Lead Increases In Tri-Parish Bowling

As of Monday, October 12th, Catholic University was still sitting pretty at the top of the heap in the Tri-Parish Bowling League, courtesy of its 15.5-4.5 record. What's more, CU's lead over the second-place team increased by two whole points.

In truth, two teams are currently battling it out for the second-place spot — St. Michael's and Boston College, each with a 12-8 record. Following close behind are Holy Cross (11-9), St. Anselm's (10.5-9.5), and Notre Dame (10-10).

Rounding out the rest of the pack are Fordham (9-11), St. Louis (8-12), St. Mary's (8-12), and Georgetown (6-14).

Poor ol' G-Town; they didn't win any points on Columbus Day. However, this wasn't the only team that rang up a "goose egg" during the evening's festivities.

St. Anselm's thrashed St. Louis, 4-0; Holy Cross totally dominated Fordham, 4-0; "numero-uno" Catholic University trounced St. Mary's, 4-0; and Boston College kept G-Town in the cellar, 4-0. The only close match on this particular evening was between Notre Dame and St. Michael, which split 2-2.

BILL "Black and Blue" GRAY was the "he-man" of the lanes on October 12th, thanks to a 154 single string and a 439 triple string. Other high scorers for the guys were RON "The Don" MENARD (114 single, 355 triple), GLEN "Not Sam" ADAMS (129, 355), "Luscious" LOU MULDER (129, 334), FRANK "The Tank" CERPOVITZ (121, 334), "Jungle" JIM LAMBERT (117, 315), and "Lighthearted" LARRY AVERY (111, 299).

FLO "Go With The Flow" ROCHFORD led the gals in scoring with a 143 single string and a 367 triple string. The league-leading "ladies of the lanes" also included CORI "The Corker" NAPOLITAN (126 single, 343 triple), "Testy" BETSY CANNON (113, 329), "The Mighty" DEB POIRIER (117, 321), BARBARA "Barb Wire" HOWARD (113, 303), MAEBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (106, 293), and TERRY "Tuff Stuff" CERPOVICZ (103, 288).

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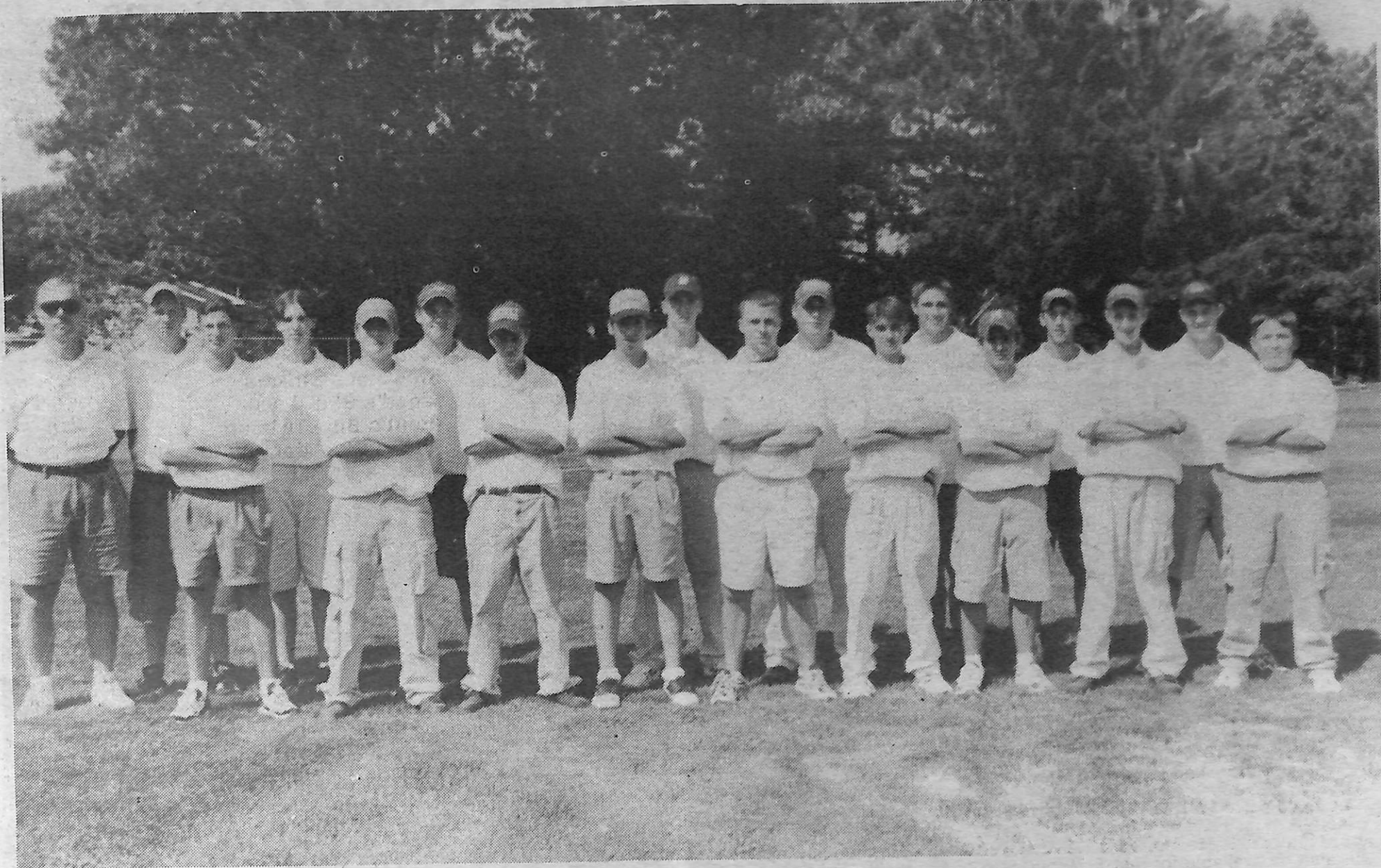
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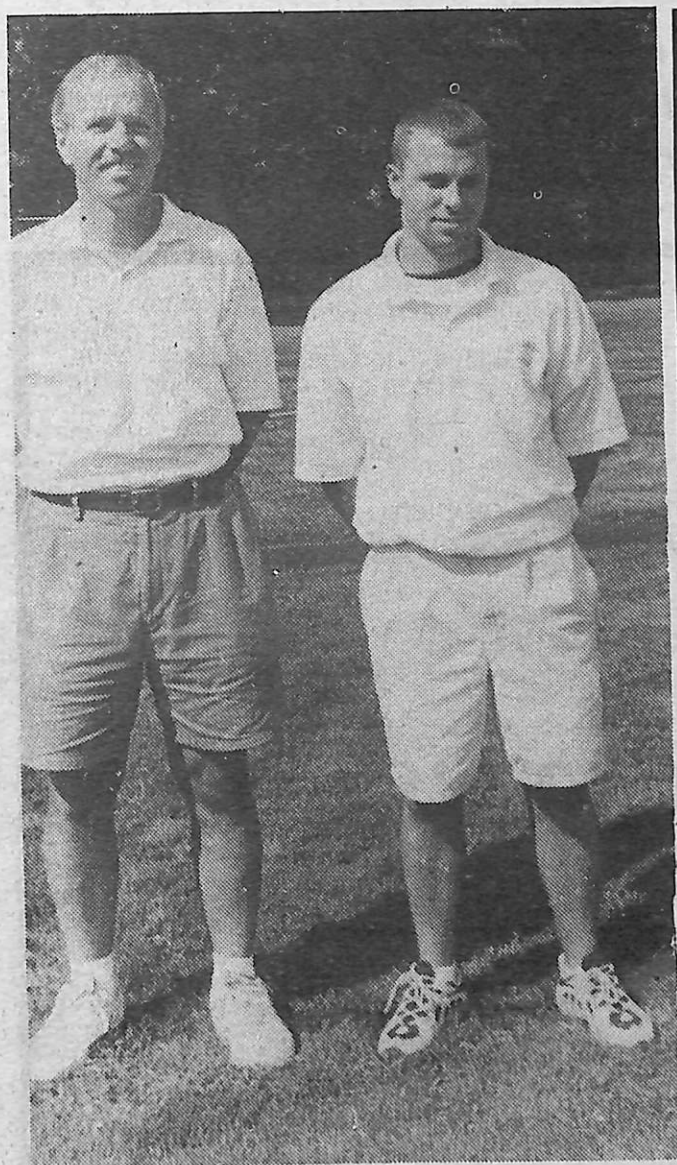
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AHS Golfers Looking To WMass Tournament



AGAWAM HIGH GOLF COACH PAUL BACHINI, the long-time powers in the Valley Wheel, may not win the league title this year but are considered a strong threat for the Western Mass. title. Team members (back row, from left) include - Coach Paul Bachini, Bruce Linder, Adam D'Amario, Rob Cullen, Shawn Biebel, Bill Gensheimer, Bill Menard, Jason Rosenberg, and Bob Woods. Front row - Chad Albano, Joe Lancour, Andy Green, Aaron Wyman, Chris Rousseau (captain), Andy Korney, Tom Montagna, Ryan Morgan, and Kacy Progulske. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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COACH PAUL BACHINI and his 1998 varsity golf captain, senior Chris Rousseau, the 1996 Western Mass. champion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U10 Boys - "Ball Hogs"

The Agawam Ball Hogs ended the season with one victory and one tie this weekend to bring their final record to 5-4-3. On Saturday, October 17th, the Ball Hogs beat Ajac in a shutout, 5-0.

The control began early in the game when front linesman Ryan Wytrych nailed the ball in the goal, and more followed. On a right throw in by Steven Donah, front linesman Anthony Costa scored. With less than one minute left to the first half, left wing Danny Geiger fired another ball into the net with an assist by sweeper Greg Santos.

At this point, the Ball Hogs' fans were excited about the potential outcome. The second half began with a second goal by Anthony Costa with an outstanding assist by Anthony DePalma. While the strong defense by Randy Holmes, Carmino Bonavita, and Alfredo Septembre continued, the opponents were called on a critical penalty in the box, and Anthony DePalma took the kick and nailed it into the net to complete the 5-0 win.

On Sunday, October 18th, the Ball Hogs took on Wilbraham in a tough match, ending in a scoreless 0-0 tie. Throughout the game, the Ball Hogs demonstrated tenacity and determination.

Ryan Wytrych made numerous hard earned shots on goal with no outcome.

Superb defensive playing by Steven Donah, Chris Wyman, and Thomas Albano prevented the opponents from scoring, and even when they tried, goalies Chris Alvanos and Jason Pollack made some remarkable saves.

A great season for the young Ball Hogs!! Coach Tony DePalma is looking forward to the next season.

U10 Girls - "Twisters"

Rebounding after a tough loss at Ludlow on Saturday, the Agawam Twisters, the U-10 girls' team in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, bounced back for a 2-1 win at home against the Westfield Whips.

It was a tough defensive game throughout, with the Twisters' scoring coming in the second half on unassisted goals by Stephanie Obue and Cassie Ashwell.

With their regular schedule completed, the Twisters conclude their fall season with a three-game tournament in Northampton on Sunday, October 25th.

A.S.A. In-Town Girls' And Co-Ed Soccer Standings

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Maloney's Titanics	6	0	1	19
Marsh's Black Shadows	5	1	1	16
Olson's Golden Eagles	4	2	1	13
Pfau's Mad Dogs	3	1	2	11
Brewster's Strikers	2	4	1	7
Wood's Blue Jays	2	4	1	7
Prout's Blue Twisters	2	4	0	6
Ruhl's Blue Marauders	1	3	3	6
Morace's Orange	0	6	1	1

U-12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
LaValley's Green Vipers	7	0	1	22
Lyman's Gold Diggers	5	2	0	15
Rollins' Blue Typhons	5	3	0	15
Morace's Red Dynamite	2	5	0	6
Zmaczynski's Orange Tigers	2	6	0	6
Gould's Blue Lightning	1	6	1	4

U-14 COED	W	L	T	P
Fournier's Agawam Gunners	7	1	0	21
Adams' Smashing Pumpkins	5	2	1	16
Veighey's Green Monkeys	4	4	0	12
Heneghan's Blue	3	4	1	10
Vinton's Gold	0	8	0	0

Agawam Soccer Standings

UNDER 12 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Moysis Bulldogs	7	2	1	15
Sadowski Attack	5	1	2	12
Nawskon Killer Bees	4	3	1	9
Little Fighting Irish	3	4	1	7
Prisby Flames	0	8	0	0

UNDER 10 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Morassi Rockets	7	0	0	14
Goncalves Agawam Spirit	4	2	2	10
Vershon Blackhawks	4	3	1	9
Parent White Sharks	3	3	2	8
Kopyscinski Bluejays	3	1	2	8
Gonyeau Invaders	2	2	3	7
Mongeau Yellow Jackets	2	3	1	5
Walsh Orange Crush	1	6	0	2
Lane Blue Falcons	0	6	1	1

Best local news

Blandford Ski Area To Hold Giant Ski Sale ON Nov. 1st

On November 1st and December 6th, the Blandford Ski Area will host a gigantic ski sale in partnership with the Ski-In ski shops of Wilbraham and Agawam.

New and used ski and snowboard equipment as well as winter apparel will be on sale for savings of up to 75 percent.

Memberships in the Springfield Ski Club, owner and operator of the Blandford Ski Area since 1936, will also be available for just \$179 per person, a \$20 saving off the regular season rate. This pre-season rate will be offered until December 6, 1998.

Memberships include a season pass and discounted ski and snowboard lessons at Blandford Ski Area; a Stratton Express Card for just \$20 (reg. \$89) for savings of 25-50 percent off lift tickets at Stratton Mt., Vermont (just a two hour drive from Springfield); eligibility to enter club races and join the Blandford Race Team; and discounted tickets to club social events!

There will also be a ski swap area for club members to show, sell, and swap their used gear.

Blandford's PSIA Ski Sale, the Blandford Ski Area Race Team, Club Board of Directors, and mountain staff will be on hand to answer your questions or show you around. It's a great chance

to visit and hike around our mountain. Weather permitting, hot air balloon rides will be available at a nominal fee for a unique view of our mountain.

The Blandford Ski Area, located about ½-hour west of Springfield (just off Rte. 20) in Blandford, MA, has been providing friendly, affordable, family skiing and riding since 1936 and is the oldest continuously operating, club-owned ski area in North America.

Blandford will operate 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. from December 26th to early March, Friday-Sunday and School vacations and holidays. After doubling our snowmaking power last season, our three double chairs, T-bar, and beginner lift servicing 26 beginner to intermediate trails, operated all but one scheduled weekend last season despite the lack of natural snowfall.

Our 1998/99 season will feature an improved ½ pipe and terrain park and special learn-to-ski offers for young families wanting to learn to ski and snowboard. Group rates are available for area schools and organizations.

For more information, contact Marketing Director Jay Pagluica at (860) 683-7385, ext. 826 or Office Manager Julie Swol at (413) 848-2860.

Agawam Soccer Assoc. Standings (As Of 10/18)

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Spear's Red	6	0	0	18
Comee's Green Destroyers	3	3	0	9
Kelly's Blue	3	3	0	9
Campana's Orange	0	6	0	0

Program Slated On Adult Involvement In Organized Kids' Sports

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that Bob Bigelow will be speaking on the very timely subject of adult involvement in organized youth sports - "Adults and Children in Organized Sports: Who Wins, Who Loses?" His presentation will take place at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday, November 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Bigelow is one of the foremost lecturers in the country regarding the needs of children in youth sports and using common sense approaches to meet those needs.

He is a former NBA first-round draft choice and four-year player. He played collegiately at the University of Pennsylvania for Hall of Fame Coach Chuck Daly.

Bigelow has devoted several thousand hours researching and lecturing about organized youth sports and its effects on children and adults. Since 1992, he has conducted over 200 talks throughout the Northeast.

This talk is education, challenging, motivational, and humorous. You are guaranteed to leave with a better understanding of what children really want and need from their athletic activities.

This program is free and is open to all parents, coaches, and youth organizations in Agawam. The Recreation Department encourages any adult involved in youth sports to attend.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

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Companies & Drivers Gearing Up In Support Of Enfield Pontiac 400

As Riverside Park Speedway prepares to close the doors on NASCAR's 50th anniversary season in New England, many businesses and drivers are gearing up in support of the event.

"We opened racing in New England back in March with a sensational Featherlite Modified Series event," stated Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski, "and I'm excited that we will close out the season as well." As of October 15th, Riverside Park Speedway had received many entries for the 100-lap NASCAR Modified race, and Lewandoski expects a full field of cars.

Along with a total purse of over \$69,000 for the eight participating divisions, drivers can look forward to many other highlights as well. Universal Welding, located in Oakville, Connecticut, has posted \$200 for the fastest qualifying time among the NASCAR Modifieds on October 31st.

Hoosier Tire East, located in Manchester, Connecticut, will provide drivers with another valuable service before the event — a free practice session. Drivers in all divisions are invited to practice at Riverside Park Speedway on Tuesday, October 27th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Track operating expenses will be covered by Hoosier Tire East, making admission to the practice session free to all competitors.

Enfield Pontiac, the primary sponsor of the two-day event, will be hosting a pre-race "Open House" on Wednesday, October 28th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Palomba Drive in Enfield, Connecticut. Busch North Series Star Tom Carey, Jr. will be on hand to display his car and sign autographs, along with Riverside Park Speedway Pro Stock driver Rich Vasseur and many other drivers.

"After our Triple 50's Summertime Madness event in July, I was very disappointed in the level of support I felt (Riverside Park) received from the drivers," says Lewandoski. "It was clear to me that during the middle of the season, points races and trophies were more important. Now the season is over, and the drivers and fans can come out (to Riverside Park) and have some fun!"

Riverside Park Speedway posted over \$45,000 in prize money on July 21st for three 50-lap, non-points races, and was rewarded with less-than-full fields of Modifieds, SK Modifieds, and Pro Stocks.

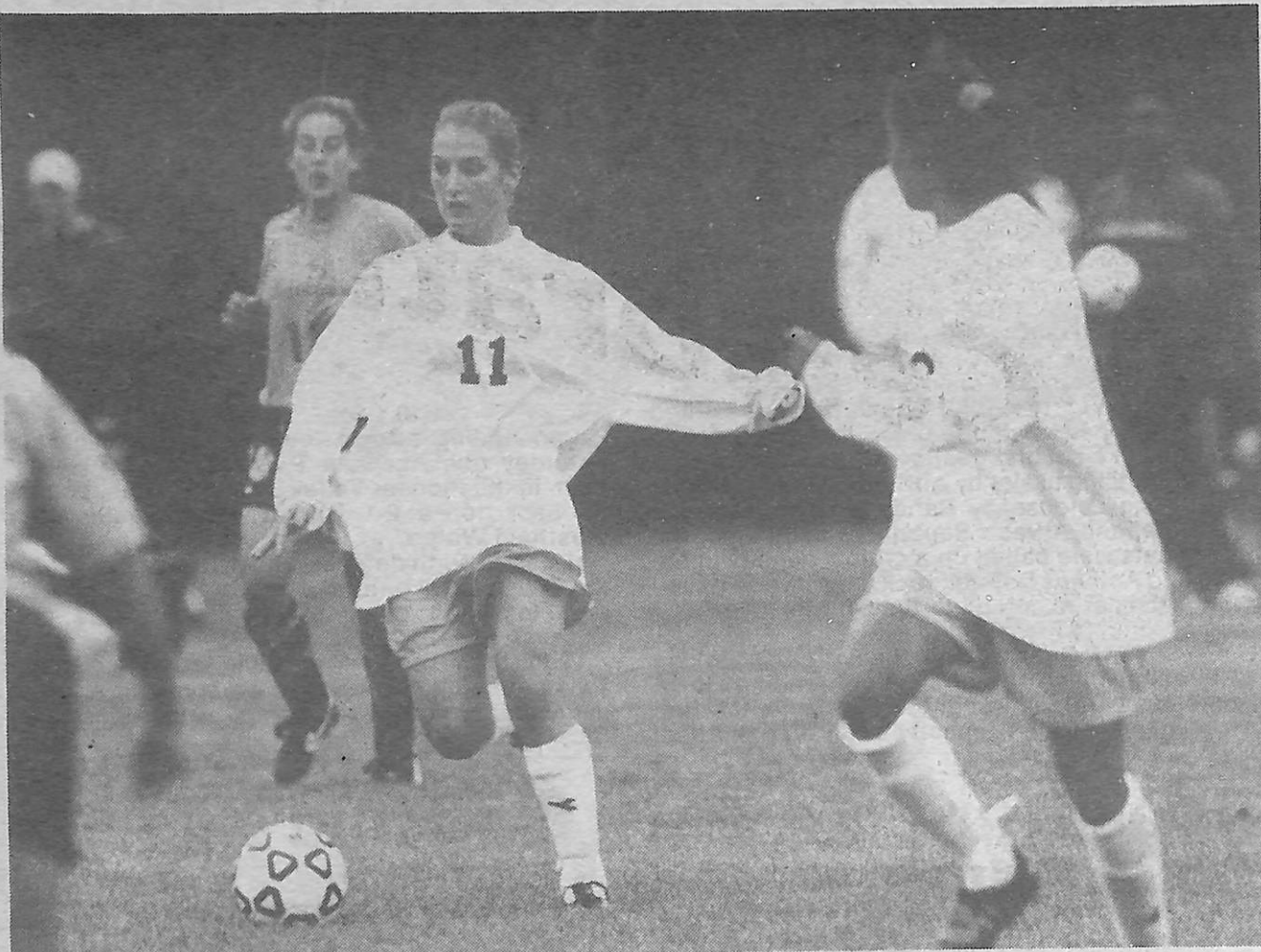
The \$69,000 total purse for the eight divisions includes \$28,800 for the 100-lap NASCAR Modified feature, \$13,200 for the 75-lap SK Modified feature, \$10,025 for the 75-lap Pro Stock feature, \$4,800 for both the Trucks and Outlaw Late Models, and \$2,630 for the Sportsman, Super Stocks, and Outlaw Mini Stocks.

Qualifying for the eight-division show will take place on Saturday, October 31st, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The pit area opens at 7:00 a.m., and grandstands open at 11:00 a.m. Feature races get underway at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st.

NASCAR Modifieds will start the program with a 100-lap feature, followed by Pro Stocks, SK Modifieds, and the remaining five divisions. The pit area opens at 7:00 a.m. on November 1st, and grandstands will open at 11:00 a.m.

You turn our pages for all the local sports news...

Patterson Playing Great For AIC Women



FORMER AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL All-American girls' soccer player Kristen Patterson, is helping the American International Women's soccer team to an outstanding 1998 season. At presstime, the 11-1-1 AIC women are ranked number nine nationally in Division II under Coach Peter Carando. Patterson, a 1998 AHS graduate, is one of the all-time three-sport greats in girls' sports at AHS. She is creating the same type of havoc and chaos for opposing fullbacks playing against AIC as she did during her days roaming the soccer fields for AHS. Patterson will be playing point guard for the AIC women's basketball team following the end of the women's soccer season. She is the daughter of Jack & Kathy Patterson of Agawam.

Agawam Youth Football Warriors Win In All 3 Divisions Before 300 At Phelps

On October 18th, the Agawam Warriors played the Wolverines from West Springfield in the Suburban Youth Football League.

The Warriors captured wins in all three divisions, pee wee, juniors, and seniors. There was a great turnout with approximately 300 fans in attendance.

The gridiron belonged to Agawam with the pee wee team winning 14-0. They were led by Joel Bailey and Dom Moccio. The junior squad came out smoking with fine play by fullback Mike Toto (10 carries, 90 yards) and tailback Scott Santinello (150 yards total offense highlighted by a 60-yard punt return). Strong play was also turned in by quarterback Andrew Wakelee and tight end Zack Bussiere, and guard Jon Gibbons, who both laid

out several key blocks to spring Santinello and Toto.

The juniors finished up their contest by winning, 26-8. The afternoon was capped by the superior play of the senior Warriors, led by Ryan Lottermoser, Joe Clark, Justin Perry, Mike Locke, Mike Piccin, and Sean Burke. The seniors won, 20-6.

Thanks to all those who turned out to see some outstanding gridiron action. Also, thanks goes to trainer Dave Stratton, who makes sure not only the Brownies, but also the Warriors are in shape to play.

The Warriors are on the road the next two weeks with stops in Springfield (Plumb Field) on October 25th and Holyoke (Roberts Stadium) on November 1st.

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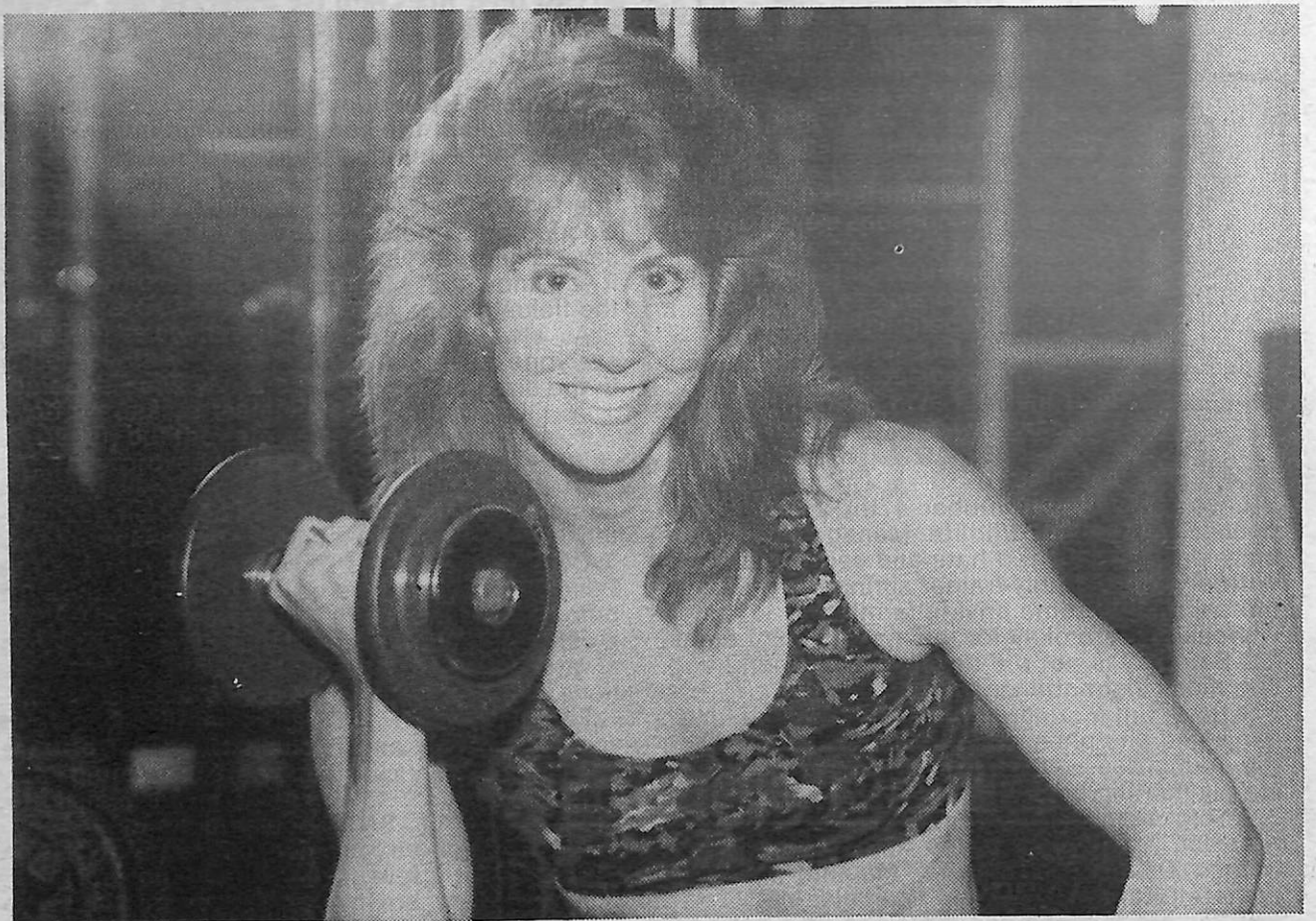


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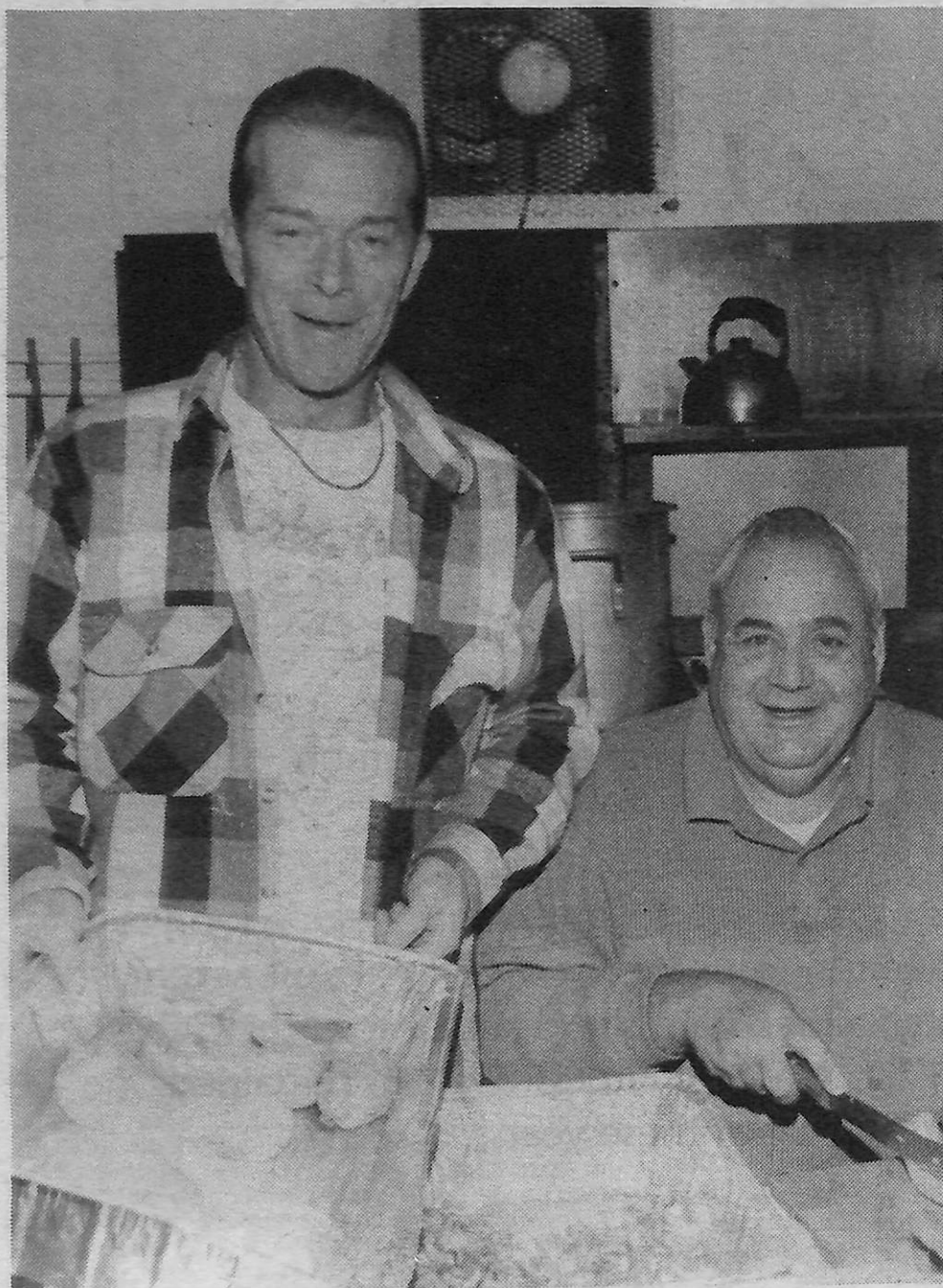


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Fishing Derby Held At Mawaga Sportsmen's Club



THE MAWAGA SPORTSMEN'S CLUB of Agawam held a Fishing Derby on Sunday, October 4th. In photo left, Wayne Harrington and Frank Parrow were working in the club's kitchen; in photo right, Goshua Reed and Talia Sherbo cast their lines into the waters of the Mawaga Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**Outdoors
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by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

A Great Season Opener...

Last Saturday's (October 17th) upland game opener found the Wildlife Management areas busy with a sea of red hats and eager bird dogs. With a young, freshly-trained springer, I opted for the solitude of some private farmland.

Weekdays are okay for the management areas, but Saturday is not the day to start a young dog. Too many distractions.

After a full morning, we had a good time and harvested one pheasant. It was satisfying to see the young dog working as a partner rather than simply hunting on his own.

A big thank-you goes to his trainer Dave Krassler, the breeder and full-time bird dog trainer. Dave and his wife, Marsha, own and operate Citari Kennels in Middlefield, MA.

If you are thinking about picking up a springer this year, they have two litters due soon. They breed only hunting stock, and I think that they do a great job of developing bloodlines that really live to hunt and have a good disposition.

Shrinking habitat and areas closed to hunting have limited the areas where a good bird dog can be worked. Nice-looking areas near busy roads are a hazard to your four-legged hunting companion. Increased urban sprawl has further encroached on our areas.

The edges of wood lots where they meet open

field areas can be prime spots. Don't confine your hunting to just the open fields. This is especially true when the hunting pressure is heavy.

Pheasants that have been flushed by hunters or dogs will often fly for a considerable distance into wooded areas before touching down. Try hunting several hundred yards into the wooded edge areas if you know that other hunters have been working the fields before you.

As always, hunter orange must be worn and everyone must take care that the field of fire is not in the direction of others.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Connecticut River smallmouth action has been an up-and-down proposition. Try deep-water jigging in the main creek channels.

Congamond Lakes (more specifically Middle Pond) are giving up some dandy Atlantic Salmon brood stock that were supplied by the division. Most anglers are taking them near the surface on a variety of spinners and tandem fly combinations.

Five-Mile Pond in Springfield also received some Atlantics, and reports indicate that there are still some left for the persistent angler.

SALT WATER

On the offshore scene, most of the tuna have departed, but a few good sharks remain.

Surf casters are having good luck along the Rhode Island beaches and breachways. Stripes predominate, with occasional schools of big bluefish showing up.

Boat anglers are scoring on blues from Watch Hill Reef to Block Island and the rips at Montauk. Parachute jigs tipped with Pork O's or Mario Strips and worked on wire line trolled around the rips are the ticket.

The fall migration is in swing and "here today, gone tomorrow" is the norm. Persistence at this time of year can result in some of the largest stringers of the year.

Breakfast Of Champs At Riverside Speedway On Friday, Oct. 30th

Riverside Park Speedway and KIX 97.9 FM will join forces to host the "Breakfast of Champions" at the Speedway on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-9:00 a.m.

The Track Champions in each of Riverside Park's seven NASCAR Winston Racing Series divisions have been invited, along with Champions from other local tracks, and NASCAR Touring divisions.

"This is a great opportunity for us to show our appreciation and pride in the Champions that have been crowned in 1998," stated Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "This will also be a chance for our Champions to say 'thanks' and share their thoughts on the radio." The three-hour event will be broadcast live on KIX 97.9 FM, a popular country radio station in Springfield, MA.

"I hope we can start a tradition by congratulating the Champions each year with this fun event," continued Lewandoski, "and I hope we can provide an interesting and entertaining radio program for the listeners."

KIX 97.9 FM also brought listeners an inside look at the opening of the Featherlite Modified Series at Riverside Park in March. The country station broadcast its morning show live from the Speedway as the first teams rolled in for practice on March 20th.

NASCAR Racing continues at Riverside Park Speedway on October 31st and November 1st, with the running of the Enfield Pontiac 400. Modifieds and SK Modifieds will headline the eight-division program, with qualifying taking place on Saturday, October 31st, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Features will start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 1st.

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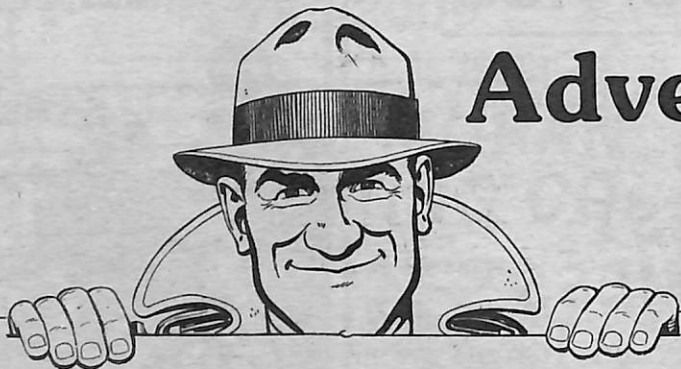
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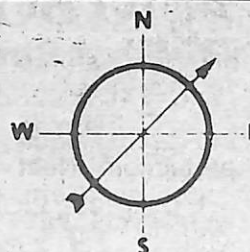
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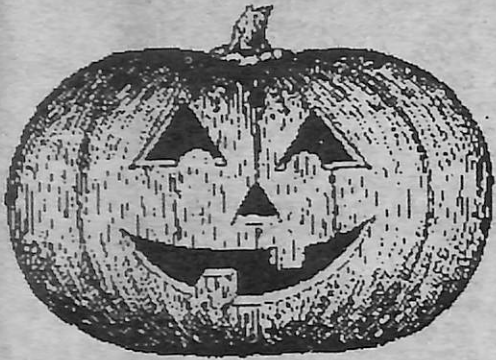
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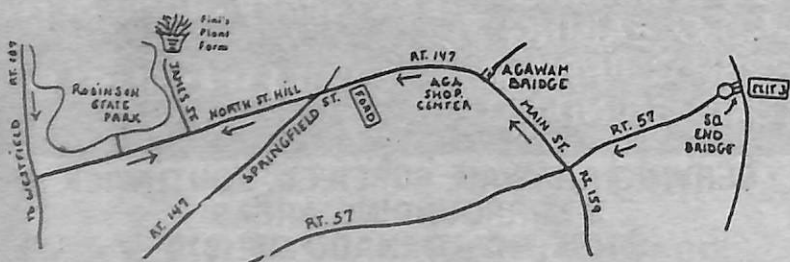
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